COACH MART

The weekly for the coach industry | Issue 652 £1 | August 15th, 1991

Kassbohrer goes full-frontal

Coach day out makes the news

Torr leaves in Plaxton shake-up

Carlton P.S.V.

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY — NEW NEOPLANS

Skyliner, Mercedes V8 Twin Turbo, 79 recliners, toilet, full spec

Transliner, Mercedes V8 engine, 48/51 recliners, toilet, full spec, choice of two.

NEOPLAN

We have for sale a selection of USED SKYLINER DOUBLE DECKERS (built to last with many miles still in them!)

ENGINES: Mercedes/Gardner/DAF

GEARBOXES: Manual or Automatic

SEATS: 69-77 recliners and WC etc

YEARS: from 1982

PRICES; from £35,000

Details of these vehicles are continually updated, as they are exchanged, MoT'd and/or refurbished.

Send for our latest list – or come and inspect at your leisure.

VOLVO

1987 VOLVO B10M Plaxton 3500, 49/53 recliners, 6 speed gearbox, O/S rear sunken toilet, O/S continental door, curtains, courier seat, crew bunk, side lockers, driver's fan, MoT 24.02.92. Stock No. 1050.

1980 VOLVO B58 Air/Leaf Duple Dominant, 12 metre, 53 seats, 48 recliners, 5 fixed, automat g/b, power door, tinted windows, curtains, side lockers, MoT 17.12.91. Stock No. 0012.

1983 B10M Jonckheere P599, 48 seats, 6 speed gearbox, curtains, toilet, drinks machine, MoT 29.11.91. Stock no R037.

1980 B58 Caetano Alpha, 11 metre, 51 seats, Alpha power door, Telma, white livery, red moq, MoT 27.01.92. Stock No. 0014.

1973 B58 Plaxton Supreme, 11 metre, 53 (remoquetted) seats, X'Press doors, side lockers, MoT 03.10.91. Stock No. 1047.

AEC

1977 Plaxton Express, 53 seater, semi-auto gearbox, Bristol Dome, white/black exterior, autumn tint moquette. MoT 03.10.91. Stock No.0006.

BEDFORD

1980 PJK, 29 seat, Duple Dom, MoT 16.09.91. Stock No. 0007.

1975 YRQ Plaxton, 45 seats, power door, side lockers, private plates, MoT 17.09.91. Stock No. 1062.

LEYLAND

1981 Leopard Duple Dominant, 53 seats, 6 speed ZF g/box, red moq, livery white, MoT 23.08.91. Stock No. M9012.

1981 Leopard, 12 metre Plaxton, 49 recliners, 6 speed ZF gearbox, cream interior, autumn tint moquette. Choice of 2, MoTs 29.08.91 and 25.10.91 Stock No. 9010 & 9011.

1980 Leopard, 11 metre Plaxton, 53 (remoquetted) seats, X'Press doors, 6 speed ZF gearbox, side lockers, MoT 29.08.91. Stock No. 9009.

SCANIA

1986 K112 Plaxton 3500, 55 reclining seats, demountable toilet, double glazed, retarder, curtains, radio/PA/cassette, MoT 01.03.92. Stock Number 1063.

1986 Berkhof Eclipse double deck, 76 seats, toilet, double glazed windows, Telma, coffee machine, livery maroon/white, MoT 11.04.91. Stock No. 0021.

CUMMINS

1985 Duple 425 (Cummins), 6 speed automatic g/box. 54 recliners, curtains, radio/PA, toilet, drinks machine, TV monitors, continental door, courier seat. Stock No. 1070.

CARLTON PSV SALES, SANDBECK WAY, EUROWAY ESTATE, HELLABY, ROTHERHAM, SOUTH YORKS S66 8HR

0709 700600

Emergency parts and service paging system evenings and weekends. Dial 0345 333111 to obtain paging bureau then quote: 0525547 for service or 0502448 for parts and leave your name and number. Fax 0709 700007. After hours Bill Povey home 0509 262220; car 0860 811083.

WHERE QUALITY AND VALUE MEET

BOVA 1989 FUTURA FHD 12.290 INTEGRAL 12M, 51 str duo red moquette, centre sunken toilet with continental exit, Webasto pre-heater, driver's berth, double glazing to side windows with curtains, DE headlamps/foglamps, wired for TV/video, all white.

M.O.T. JUNE 1992

AVAILABLE ON OPERATIONAL LEASE — SUBJECT TO STATUS

VOLVO 1988 B10M GL PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 48/50 recliners, beige/brown moquette, demountable rear toilet with continental door, TELMA retarder, Webasto pre-heater, courier seat, curtains, aircraft style lockers to hatracks, double glazed tint side windows, power entrance door, wired for TV/video, white/orange.

M.O.T. JAN 1992

VOLVO 1986 B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 49 recliners, sunken toilet o/s rear, courier seat, curtains, fridge, water boiler, tinted side windows, beige/blue moquette trim, white + yellow/orange stripes.

M.O.T. FEB 1992

VOLVO 1986 (AUG) B10MT (TANDEM) VAN HOOL ALIZEE-SH 12M, 49 recliners, grey/red moquette, rear toilet, driver's berth, courier seat, curtains, fridge, drinks machine, wired for TV/video, all white.

M.O.T. APR 1992

DAF 1986 DFKL PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 49/53 recliners, grey/red moquette, demountable rear sunken toilet, continental exit door, courier seat, curtains, power entrance door, wired for TV/video, cream/duo blue.

M.O.T. FEB 1992

QUALITY · QUALITY · QUALITY · QUALITY · VALUE · VALUE · VALUE · VALUE ·

VOLVO 1984 (AUG) B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M, 49 recliners, beige red moquette, rear sunken toilet with continental door, driver's berth, courier seat, Webasto heating, TELMA retarder, drinks machine, curtains, tinted double glazing, power entrance door, wired/boxed for TV/video, silver/blue.

M.O.T. JULY 1992

VOLVO 1985 B10M BERKHOF ESPRITE HIGH-LINE 12M, 49 str (44 recliners + 6 fixed at rear), beige/brown moquette, centre sunken toilet with continental door, TELMA retarder, Webasto pre-heater, driver's berth, courier seat, power entrance door, all white.

M.O.T. OCT 1991

BOVA 1985 FUTURA FHD 12.280 INTEGRAL 12M, 49 str, red moquette (44 recliners + 5 fixed at rear), centre sunken toilet, continental door, driver's berth, drinks machine, fridge,Webasto, power entrance door, double glazing, courier seat, curtains, wired for TV/video, twin fuel tanks, white/red.

M.O.T. JULY 1992

MOSELEY

Moseley Group of Companies, Derby Road, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 0AH.
Telefax: (0509) 610814

HEAD OFFICE (0509) 213232
MOSELEY IN SCOTLAND (0236) 22445
MOSELEY IN THE SOUTH (0823) 283594

QUALITY & VALUE ASSURED

VOLVO 1983 (AUG) B10M BERKHOF ESPRITE HIGH-LINE 12M, 49/53 recliners, Autumn moquette, demountable toilet, continental door, TELMA retarder, cream/red.

M.O.T. FEB 1992

VAN HOOL 1983 T815 ACRON (MAN Powered) INTEGRAL 12M, 49 recliners, red moquette, centre sunken toilet with continental door, power operated entrance door, wired for TV/video, white/brown.

M.O.T. APR 1992

BOVA 1983 EUROPA II INTEGRAL 12M, 53 seats (48 recliners + 5 fixed at rear), brown moquette, courier seat, curtains, power entrance door, Webasto heating, white/red.

M.O.T. FEB 1992

TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ACT;
In detailing these used saloon coaches we have quoted the year of registration and not necessarily the model or year of manufacture.

VALUE ADDED TAX;
Prices quoted are exclusive of V.A.T. and are subject to the normal standard rate.

CONTENTS

COACH MART
Issue 652 £1 August 15, 1991

5 News: Marketing director leaves Plaxton in new wave of redundancies - page 5; Alder Valley Engineering to close Aldershot workshop - page 6; **COVER** Kassbohrer unveils the futuristic successor to the S200 Setra - page 7; Derby operator takes over London Express service - page 9; CTC's Coaching For Pleasure Day gets national press and TV coverage and bus and coach sales continue to fall - page 10.

Kassbohrer's S300 - will it be a winner? – page 7

12 Fleet Update: A *Coachmart* J registration special with details of Shalder Coaches' new purchase from Plaxton Retail Sales; a big Reeve Burgess Beaver delivery to Plymouth Citybus; Ebdon's of Sidcup continues its 10-year association with Neoplan Skyliners.

15 Letters: A coach operator says low costs must not be allowed to lead to low safety standards; and there's a warning about in-company feuds.

17 Question Mart: Marksman answers your queries about such diverse topics as badly designed coach mirrors; the law governing alcohol on coaches; and the EC Social Charter.

18 Licensing & Legal: Inverclyde director's daughter is granted a licence; and Amberley Travel drivers win their unfair dismissal fight.

21 Maintenance Diary: Mike Morgan winds up the current series by following the performance of Richard Heslop's Dubrava on incoming tourist work in 'Life On The London Coach Transfer Circus.'

25 Coach Tours & Excursions: Mark Williams brings you a special feature on European theme parks and again provides you with an easy-to-read reference guide on what you can find where.

Tackling the London tour market – page 21

COMMENT

GERMAN manufacturers Kassbohrer and Mercedes have promoted themselves into the premier division with two new coaches which are a class above anything that is currently driving on the British roads.

Style and technical innovation are the watchword for the 1990s in the shape of the stylish Mercedes 0404 (*Coachmart*, August 1) and the Setra 300 series (page seven).

The most striking innovation on the Kassbohrer has to be its 'flop-eared' driving mirrors. The styling may be extraordinary, but it is a consequence of the vehicle being built as a whole and not as separate entities. The passenger has not been forgotten and mainland Europeans will be whisked along in levels of comfort and safety that will be denied their UK counterparts for some time to come - certainly for as long as the industry remains in its severely depressed state.

The German manufacturers are able to develop vehicles at considerable expense because they have full order books for their products which are sold worldwide.

Without stable export sales there is not the certainty of cash for research and development. And that's the rub for British manufacturers. Without the backing of a huge organisation that isn't dependent solely on one market, truly European manufacturers are going to be streets ahead.

We are looking forward to the new coach from Plaxton which will be launched alongside its European rivals at Bus & Coach 91. It is a remarkable tribute to the far-sighted company that it is allocating scarce resources to ambitious and expensive research and development. It demonstrates a wholehearted committment to the future.

The BCC and Kortrijk shows promise to be two of the most exciting events for years and will give the coach industry a much-needed confidence boost and a chance to plan for better days to come.

DEPENDABLE QUALITY . . DEPENDABLE QUALITY . .

STUART JOHNSON SJ SCANIA
BUS AND COACH DISTRIBUTOR

BELIEVE IT OR NOT...

WE ARE STILL INTERESTED IN YOUR PART EXCHANGE VEHICLES

STUART JOHNSON WILL GIVE THE
VERY BEST PART EXCHANGE ALLOWANCES
AGAINST NEW SCANIA K93 OR K113

Full Range available for August delivery

Stuart Johnson Ltd., Bus and Coach Centre, Claylands Avenue, Worksop, Notts SS81 7DJ
Ring Tony Clayton NOW. Tel: 0909 500822. Fax: 0909 500165

AIR BAGS

SHOCK ABSORBERS

FOR VOLVO NEOPLAN SETRA ETC

SV
MADE IN FINLAND

PRICE £49.95 + VAT

ONLY £68.50 OR £62.00 FOR FULL SET

ASHLEY BANKS LTD
5 KING STREET ESTATE, LANGTOFT, PETERBOROUGH PE6 9NF.
Tel. GREATFORD 0778 560651. Telex 329124 Fax 0778 560721

■EMPLOYMENT

Marketing director goes in new Plaxton redundancies

PLAXTON has announced 59 redundancies - known to include sales and marketing director John Torr - at its Scarborough plant.

Managing director for Plaxton manufacturing, Neil Beresford, said all the redundancies were 'regrettable.' He would not discuss individuals but other sources confirmed that Mr Torr was among those offered a statutory 30-day 'consultation period.'

The continuing redundancies in the Plaxton group and the incorporation of Reeve Burgess on the manufacturing site are the result of a unique situation in the UK, said Mr Beresford.

'The market is unlikely to return for the foreseeable future,' he told *Coachmart.*

'All of the European PSV industry is in recession but the UK's worsening situation is politically inflicted.

'Politicians may now be making sympathetic noises but what we need is action.'

Mr Beresford said production capacity has been maintained with the 700 workforce and new product development continues - including a new coach known to be on the drawing board.

'Despite what has happened, our workforce has reacted magnificently and with positive input. They are all on full-time working.'

John Torr: leaving Plaxton.

● Earlier this year Plaxton shed 44 jobs and imposed a wage freeze on its workforce until the summer of 1992.

■BUYOUT

Management team steps in to take over Durham Travel Services

DURHAM Travel Services is now wholly-owned by its management following a last minute deal with National Express before it was taken over by Drawlane and a consortium of investors last month.

Managing director, Peter Lee, engineering director, Eric Bowerbank, and operations director, Arthur Mullender, bought out National Express' 50 percent share of Durham Travel Services (DTS) in the period between the deal with Drawlane being announced and then signed.

Mr Lee said he did the deal because 'it gave us the freedom to go away and do other things and, apart from anything else, the profits we make from the business will now be ours and not theirs.'

Durham Travel Services runs 19 vehicles - eight single and 11 double decks - from freehold premises in Hetton le Hole, just outside Durham.

It bought two new Neoplan Skyliners last year and has another two on order for delivery this November.

The new vehicles will cost £225,000 each and will be the first in this country to be fitted with Cummins 14-litre 360 bhp engines.

Both the two 1990 Skyliners have already been retrofitted with Cummins engines by DTS fitters and one has now covered 360,000 km in its first year in service.

Mr Lee expects the Neoplans to last for 10 years with a mid-life refurbishment.

'They are excellent tools for what we do,' he told *Coachmart.*

'The Cummins engines use less fuel and are more reliable than any other unit.'

DTS's commitment for 11 vehicles a day on National Express contracts remains unchanged since the buyout and subsequent takeover of NatEx by Drawlane.

The company, which now employs 67 people and will clock-up sales of over £2 million this year, also works under contract to other operators - mainly on school trips abroad.

Mr Lee said further expansion was now being planned.

He said: 'We're now in a position to look at other opportunities in this area.

'We have a number of projects which we're now considering.'

Durham Travel Services was formed out of the decision of Caldaire North East to pull out of coaching in early 1988.

Mr Lee, then manager of Caldaire's Darlington coaching operation, put together a management buyout of the business with Mr Bowerbank and Mr Mullender, with backing from National Express.

■EMPLOYMENT

GMB axes 340 jobs

GREATER Manchester Buses is making 340 redundancies and closing four depots in a bid to cut losses.

The giant 5,000-worker municipal said all the jobs would be in administration and management. Drivers and vehicles would be transferred from the Swinton, Altrincham, Rochdale and Tameside depots prior to closure.

Talks were underway with Nalgo and the T&G but it is understood no rescue plan will be possible.

'We have had to cut costs,' said a GMB spokesman. 'There has been a dramatic downturn in the market but we are hoping we can maintain all our services from the remaining depots. Coaching activities should not be affected.'

The redundancies will be made by the end of October.

■TOURS

African offer

THE ultimate busman's holiday is being offered by Oxford operator, Paul Tappin, who has organised a £2,000 familiarisation visit... to southern Africa.

An 18-day Zimbabwe and South Africa study tour takes in everything from the big game to Victoria Falls. There's even a chance to see South Africa's steam trains in regular service.

Mr Tappin expects many of his coaching friends to join the tour, which he will be escorting personally. Little expense has been spared so that the party can take in six major locations and a number of others. *Contact Paul Tappin on 0235 812127.*

BRIEFS

● **DRIVERS at Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company have just completed their first year of language study with flying colours.**

The company suggested the courses to help cater for 10,000 foreign students who visit the area every year.

● GREATER Manchester Buses and Rossendale Transport are to put on extra services to help cope with the closure of the Bury to Manchester railway line from Friday (August 16).

The rail link is being closed to allow extensive work to be carried out on the proposed Metrolink system.

● **MIDLAND Red South is to spend £220,000 on six new 33-seat midibuses for its bus services in Bedworth and Nuneaton.**

It is currently carrying out vehicle tests and the results are expected to be announced in October.

● ONE of Newcastle's busiest bus stations - the underground site in Eldon Square - could be closed if city planners have their way.

The local council says the bus concourse is squalid, noisy and fume-filled and wants operators to use stops elsewhere. It is also considering building a new station at Gallowgate.

● **UP for sale Western Scottish has won lucrative new contracts in Dumfries and Galloway to compensate for losing large school contracts in its home town of Kilmarnock.**

● GREATER Manchester Buses has taken delivery of the first two of a batch of 10 Volvo Citybus double deckers with Northern Counties bodiework.

■ENGINEERING

Recession forces closure of AVE's Aldershot workshop

Q-DRIVE GROUP subsidiary, Alder Valley Engineering, is the latest casualty of the recession. AVE's commercial repair workshop at Aldershot is to close, but the Alder Valley bus operating company is unaffected and Berkhof coach sales have moved to Bracknell.

Thirty shop-floor and supervisory staff will go on November 1 as AVE's engineering facilities become the latest in the long line of former NBC central works to be shut down.

Following NBC privatisation, the Halmot Road site in Aldershot was bought by Frontsource, but three years ago the property was sold to Elliott Developments. Q-Drive took on a short term lease and added both Alder Valley and AVE to its portfolio.

AVE did maintenance and repair work for the Ministry of Defence, other members of the Q-Drive group and smaller operators. Managing director, David Jones, told *Coachmart:* 'The recession in the transport business has hit us badly and we have reluctantly concluded that we must discontinue this venture.'

Engineering support for Alder Valley's bus operations will be retained at Aldershot. However, administration relocated to Woking last year in advance of the lease expiry in November.

AVE Berkhof, the importer of Dutch-built Berkhof coaches, has moved to new premises in Bracknell in advance of closure of AVE's engineering workshops and expiry of lease on the Q-Drive subsidiary's Halimot Road premises in Aldershot.

The new location is at a purpose-built BeeLine bus garage in the centre of Bracknell's new town development.

BeeLine, also a member of the Q-Drive group, sold its old garage and now has modern workshops to service the 33-vehicle allocation. AVE Berkhof will share these facilities.

David Waterman, AVE Berkhof's sales and marketing director, said: 'Despite the nationwide decline in the demand for new coaches, Berkhof sales have been encouraging, and the sales and back-up service we can offer customers will be improved by the move.'

● AVE Berkhof can be contacted at the new depot on 0344 861787 for coach sales. Existing Aldershot numbers (0252 313646/334484) should be used for parts and service until later in the year.

Berkhof: moved to new premises at Bracknell.

■BUS

Scarborough bus war hots up as fares fall

SCARBOROUGH & District added extra spice to the open top bus battle in the Yorkshire holiday resort by slashing its fares by half last week.

The company's general manager, Eric Boyes, said it reduced its fares from 50p to 25p for a day last week to 'check out the reaction of fellow operators.' And he admits: 'Some of the others got a bit animated.'

The move follows increased competition in Scarborough for its lucrative holiday business. A battle has raged for customers since Easter and culminated in traffic wardens being called in to oversee parking facilities on the seafront (*Coachmart,* July 25).

'Competition for business is the fiercest it has ever been so we decided to experiment with a new fare structure and see if we could generate any additional trade,' said Mr Boyes. Scarborough & District and Appleby's used to share the open top work, but this year they have been joined by SS Suncruiser and Carlton Coachways.

'Our takings have suffered because of the extra competition, but we are looking at ways of maximising our market share and have a few other schemes up our sleeve.'

■COACH

Hills' coach sale mystery

MYSTERY surrounds the auction of seven Hills of Tredegar liveried coaches and a car last week on behalf of the tax office.

The Leyland Tigers and Leopards and a Ford Escort Cabriolet were sold last Thursday (August 8) by ADT at Newport. Top price attained was £11,000 for a B plated 53-seat Duple on Tiger chassis, and lowest £2,000 for a P reg Leopard Plaxton Supreme Express.

'Good prices were realised for the coaches that sold,' the ADT told *Coachmart.*

'There was a good attendance and most vehicles went to local operators.'

Other prices were £8,900 for a Leopard Duple, £8,950 for an X reg Tiger Plaxton, another at £10,650 and a similar vehicle which reached £10,750.

A further P reg Leopard Plaxton attained £4,000.

Hills of Tredegar accountant, John Jones, said he had no comment to make about the sale, and HM Inspector of Taxes in Newport said it could not offer information on the reasons for the auction because it was covered by confidentiality laws.

● Hills of Tredegar was granted a full five-year 58-vehicle licence at the end of June after suffering maintenance problems.

■NEW VEHICLE

Kassbohrer reveals new coach

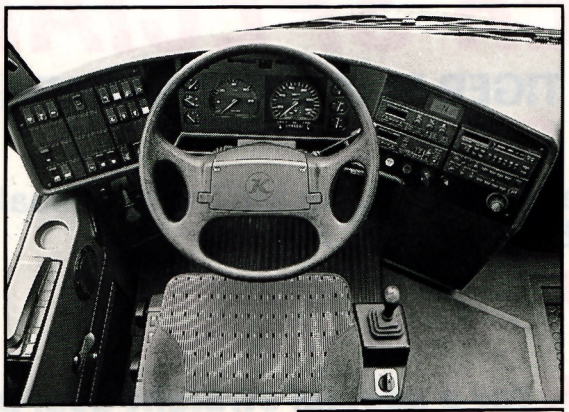
KASSBOHRER has unveiled its futuristic S300 series - to be sold alongside the immensely popular 16-year-old classic S200 Setra.

But the new vehicle, with its high-tech looks, won't be available in a right-hand drive version until at least 1994, says Kassbohrer.

The company expects to produce up to 100 this year before moving into full production when it relocates to a new factory in Bavaria in August next year.

Jim Shuttleworth, managing director of Kassbohrer (UK), told *Coachmart* that with the British coach making market currently static, there was no rush to launch the vehicle in the UK.

'However, when it does come over here we expect it to generate a lot of interest. It is a typically pedigree German product and a sure winner,' said Mr Shuttleworth.



Above: Driver's environment has been given a totally new look.
Right: A remote-controlled heated driving mirror is a new feature.

New for Kassbohrer is a Scania engine option, all new running gear including disc brakes, and the introduction of an 8.87-metre coach to plug the firm's midi-coach gap.

Pilot production of the S300 series has already begun, the vehicle making its first public debut in Kortijk in October.

The range is characterised by the extraordinary, heated rear-view mirrors sweeping down from the entirely new front - a deliberate attempt to avoid comparison with its long-lived older sister.

Many of the changes are far more than cosmetic. The driver area is ergonomically-designed with new instruments swept around at arm's length. Floating caliper Lucas D3 disc brakes have been incorporated in a running gear layout which, Kassbohrer claims, improves cornering stability, ride comfort and has better damping.

First models off the line will be an S315 HD with overall height of 3.38 m, and the S315 HDH, standing 3.55 m high. The 33-seat S309 HD will follow later.

As with all Setras, options will be down to the buyer but among factory-fitted equipment is a modified HVAC air conditioning system, Mercedes-Benz LEV power unit with ZF transmission, or Scania DSC 11.22 low-emission engines with manual and CAG seven-speed transmissions.

Seating is the Executive Class style first seen in 1989.

■NEW COMPANY

Allen & Douglas expands

BANBURY-based bus and coach uniform specialist, Allen & Douglas, has bought a clothing manufacturer and set up a separate company to direct sell its products.

The moves, which will more than double the size of Allen & Douglas, represent a total investment of £350,000.

The company taken over is Gaunson Ltd, of Featherstone, Pontefract, which was bought from the receiver. The deal includes the business, plant and premises. The 250-strong workforce is expected to be slimmed down to around 100.

On top of this deal Allen & Douglas, which previously bought 20 percent or over £1 million worth of Gaunson's annual production, has also set up Corporate CMT.

Ex-Gaunson production manager, Arthur Finch, will head the new direct sell company, with John Allen as chairman.

Four other Allen & Douglas personnel, including operations director, David Turner, and sales director, Ian Fountain, and five other ex-Gaunson staff have bought equity in the new operation.

● Allen & Douglas has just secured a two-year contract to supply Scottish bus companies, Grampian and Midland Bluebird, with new uniforms.

■TAKEOVER

Ex-director buys back Roman City Holidays

AVON-based tour operator, Roman City Holidays, has been bought back by one of its former directors, Stephen James.

The company sold its goodwill to Badgerline in 1986 when it was insolvent, and was then bought by Wessex of Bristol. When Badgerline bought Wessex, it got Roman City Holidays back, but has now sold it on to Mr James.

Mr James said the operation would dovetail into his successful operation of Swan Tours, based at Corsham, Wiltshire: 'At the moment, the two companies are being run separately but we should see some consolidation once this year's bookings have been dealt with,' he said.

Mr James said his staff had been working flat out since the August 5 changeover contacting all holidaymakers who had booked with the Badgerline company, which was bonded by BCH.

'We have asked travel agents to remove brochures from their shelves, and everyone will receive notification of the changes.'

He said the market had been tough this year but Swan Tours had enjoyed a good season: 'Roman Holiday will make it a very good stablemate,' he added.

■BRIEFS

● GREATER Manchester Buses has announced it is to introduce a no smoking policy on all its buses.

The company says the decision was made following market research which indicated that the majority of passengers were in favour of a smoking ban.

● LONDON & Country is to take over London Transport bus route 493, from Orpington to Ramsden Estate on Saturday (August 17).

It was previously run by Kentish Bus.

● ISLE Of Man Transport has announced new 'short hop' fares to encourage passengers to use buses to travel short distances.

● BOURNEMOUTH Tourism is inviting tour operators to a day-out in the town to see what the Dorset holiday resort has to offer.

Details from Paul Buck, travel trade manager, Bournemouth Tourism, Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. Tel: 0202 291718.

● BUS fares on Transit Holdings' Red Admiral and Blue Admiral services in the Portsmouth area have gone up by between 5p on short journeys and 10p on longer trips.

But the company, which blames inflation on the increases, has pegged the price of its bus passes.

● THE English Tourist Board says the recession has struck new investment in tourism, paring 25 percent off the month's figures compared to 1990.

In 1990, £604 million-worth of new projects were announced but this year just £453 million was pledged to development. 'There is no sign that investment will rise in the near future,' said ETB assistant director, Stephen Mills.

The value of projects under construction has fallen from £2.9 billion last June to £1.8 billion.

YEATES BUS & COACH
SUMMER SPECIALS

1985 VOLVO B10M and TIGER MANUAL 3260 PARAMOUNTS

FOR SALE

57 Standard seats (all retrimmed), long MoT tests, usual extras.
SPEED LIMITERS FITTED

***LIST PRICE* TIGER £42,995.00**
B10M £52,250.00

Contact your* YEATES MAN *for a special straight deal price today

Loughborough	Derek Taylor	0509 217777	
Scotland/North England	Gerry Johnson	091 3885875	Car 0860 309561
N. West/W. Mids/N. Wales/S. & W. Yorks	Phillip Illingworth	0909 731749	Car 0860 229247
East Midlands/Oxford/East Anglia	Dennis Brown	0509 412897	Car 0860 547960
South Wales/S. West/Hereford	David Edwards	0656 662067	Car 0860 547961
London/South East	Tony Redford	0442 211611	Car 0836 260135

Yeates Bus & Coach Ltd, **Brisco Avenue, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 0HP**
Tel: 0509 217777 Fax: 0509 239632

SELF DRIVE HIRE

LEOPARD, DP's and COACHES, ATLANTEAN D/DECKERS

BARGAIN HIRE RATES

Contact: Syd Woods
Tel/Fax: 0254 391209 or
Tel: 0254 390816

HYNDBURN TRANSPORT LTD
ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE

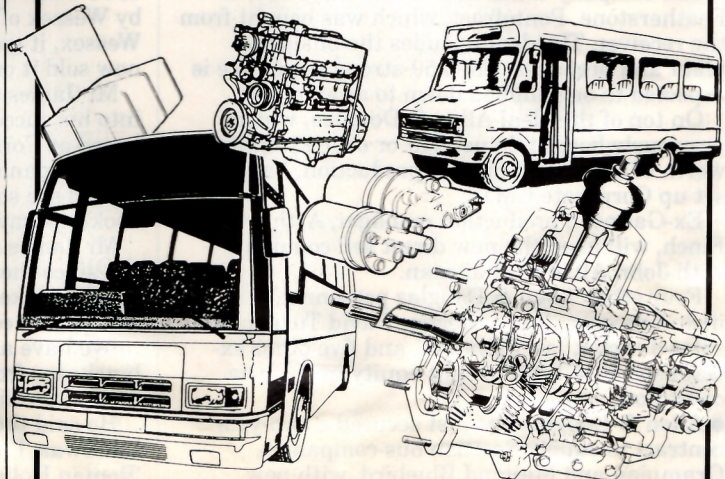
IT'S BCC SHOW TIME AGAIN

THE OPPORTUNITY THAT COMES ONLY ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS!

Right now coach and bus operators are thinking about the BCC Show - they're looking for products and services. As a supplier to the coach and bus industry you need to put your sales message in front of them now! So, what's the most effective way of reaching the industry's operators?

THE COACH & BUS PRODUCT LOCATOR

FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO ADVERTISE, PHONE (0733) 63100 NOW!



■ BUS BUSINESS ■ COACHMART ■ COACH & BUS MANAGER ■

■EXPRESS SERVICES

Jan-Am Coachways gets London Express service

DERBY operator, Jan-Am Coachways, has taken over the London Express service it operated jointly with a jailed travel agent.

The Derby-Nottingham-London route was set up between the London Express Coach Company and Jan-Am but after a series of problems, including the jailing of the LECC's boss Colin Brown for an £87,000 fraud, Jan-Am is in sole control.

Jan-Am proprietor, Allan Barker, said he ran into problems with LECC soon after striking an agreement to supply the firm with coaches.

After debts mounted to £5,000, he called in a deal he had struck with LECC's solicitors and took over the service.

When LECC's Colin Brown was given a 15-month sentence for taking the holiday credit card cash, Mr Barker also found himself having to run around 100 Pavarotti fans down to Hyde Park for free to maintain the goodwill he had managed to develop.

'I didn't want Jan-Am or the London Express service to get a bad name,' he told *Coachmart*.

'Things are going very well at the moment and I didn't want to jeopardise a situation where I was at last breaking even, despite the £5,000 I am owed.'

Mr Barker said loadings for his £9.90 return express coaches were averaging around 25 seats even alongside similar National Express services. A secondhand Dubrava and a Leopard make the twice-daily run.

■DEREGULATION

LTB joins London deregulation fight

THE London Tourist Board has added its weight to the growing protest over the Government's plans to deregulate bus services in the capital.

It warns that if the Conservatives win the next General Election and embark on the privatisation process one of London's biggest tourist attractions - the famous red double decker bus - could be forced off the road forever.

In the LTB's response to the Department of Transport consultation paper, Robert Chenery, its head of borough liaison and development, claimed: 'The red bus is instantly associated with London and it is most visitors' ambition to ride on one. To discard this symbol is to get rid of yet another traditional feature detracting from the character and appeal of London.'

But the feared demise of the Routemaster is just one of LTB's criticisms. It also highlights the threat deregulation poses to an all system travel card and raises questions about the provision of accurate route and timetable information to the public when operators will only be obliged to give six weeks notice of changes.

The LTB is worried that privatisation will make travelling in London more difficult and deter tourists visiting the capital.

■BUYOUT

Former AJS directors snap up bus group

FORMER AJS Group directors Giles Fearnley (on the left of our picture) and Stuart Wilde shake hands on the deal which gives them control of the Yorkshire and Home Counties-based bus group - bought last week by their company, Blazefield Holdings.

The group director and finance director formed a management buyout with funds from Leeds County NatWest, though Alan Stephenson's AJS retains a minority shareholding in operating subsidiaries.

With £20 million turnover, the group runs 300 buses staffed by 800 workers. Companies include Keighley and District, Harrogate and District, Harrogate Independent Travel, Yorkshire Coastliner, Sovereign of Herts and Harrow, and Welwyn and Hatfield Line buses.

■COACH

Don't miss *Coachmart*

DON'T miss next week's *Coachmart* for an exclusive glimpse of Plaxton's eagerly awaited new coach.

Details - and a colour artist's impression of the vehicle - will be published in the August 22 issue.

The Scarborough-based company is expected to officially unveil the newcomer at this year's Bus & Coach 91 Show at the NEC, Birmingham, in October.

■PEOPLE

Marilyn joins York Bodybuilders

YORK Bodybuilders has appointed Marilyn Creasey as its departmental manager of accident repair and refurbishment.

Her main role will be to increase the turnover in the repair and refurbishing of buses and coaches and to sell recovery crew cabs.

Marilyn is experienced in both areas and carried out a similar project for midibus maker, Reeve Burgess, where she had spent the last 12 years of her career.

York Bodybuilders is a specialist division within the York Group and is based in Clay Cross, Derbyshire.

■TOURS

Coach Day is a smash hit

THE COACH Tourism Council scored a second bullseye with its Coaching For Pleasure Day - getting national newspaper and regional TV coverage.

In all 16 coaches turned up at Leicester's De Montfort Hall last week, bringing around 700 'Cooks' to celebrate the 150th anniversary of popular tourism - credited to holiday firm founder Thomas Cook.

In the aftermath, *The Guardian* carried a half-page feature on the event, local BBC TV channels gave prime-time coverage and countless regional newspapers provided valuable plugs for their local coach operators.

One operator, Shaws of Maxey, said it had been given two lead stories and several other mentions in its local newspaper as it appealed for passengers named Cook for the free trip.

'One of the newspaper's reporters travelled down with us on the coach to Leicester,' partner, Jane Duffelen, told *Coachmart*.

'He has already promised an article about the event and another charting a day in the life of a coach driver.'

The *Leicester Mercury* all but held the front page for the story. A photographer and reporter arrived in the morning and had their coverage ready for that evening's paper, which was handed out free to all coach passengers at teatime.

'There's no doubt the event was better than last year's Coaching For Pleasure Day,' said organiser, Andy Grout.

'We really got to grips with it, and the host city did a great deal of work. All I could see all day was smiling faces.'

The event prompted Essex operator, Bill Cook, to join the Coach Tourism Council: 'We hear plenty that's bad about this industry,' he said. 'I thought it's about time we heard something good. The event really promoted coach tourism.

'If it had been bigger, it would have been better but the CTC was let down by a few operators. That's sad because an enormous amount of work went into the day,' added Mr Cook.

Photonews on the day-trippers playing the one-name game

Cooking up a treat!

Coaching For Pleasure Day: enjoyed big press coverage.

■COACH & BUS SALES

Bus and coach sales continue to plummet

COACH AND BUS registrations during July were down 50 percent on last year as the slump continues to bite and buyers delay putting new vehicles on the road.

Coach sales were particularly badly hit with just two vehicles registered in July- a notoriously poor month as operators traditionally hang on for another four weeks to snap up the J reg prefix.

That compares with 25 in the same month last year.

Coach sales for the year so far are more than 50 percent down with 538 registrations in 1991 compared to 959 last year.

The picture is the same when both bus and coach sales are taken into account with 1,269 vehicles sold compared to 1,890 for the first seven months of last year.

NEW COACH AND BUS REGISTRATIONS

Manufacturer	July 1990	July 1991	Year to date 1990	Year to date 1991
DAF Bus	0	0	0	52
Dennis	36	8	217	259
Duple	0	0	17	2
Iveco Ford	0	0	3	1
Leyland Bus	25	16	591	259
Leyland DAF	11	0	158	33
MAN VW	0	1	2	15
Optare	21	13	33	72
Scania	5	0	133	99
Volvo	16	13	549	369
Other British	9	0	10	4
Other imports	5	2	177	104
Total British	91	37	868	596
Total imports	37	16	1022	673
TOTAL	128	53	1890	1269

THE NEW COACH SALES LEAGUE

Manufacturer	July 1990	July 1991	Year to date 1990	Year to date 1991
Volvo	13	0	417	278
Leyland	2	2	131	103
DAF	7	0	112	43
Others	3	0	66	37
Scania	0	0	72	35
Setra	0	0	18	17
Dennis	0	0	75	11
Bova	0	0	49	9
MAN	0	0	2	3
Duple	0	0	17	2
TOTAL	25	2	959	538

Coachmart is published by EMAP Response Publishing Ltd, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS.
Telephone 0733 63100.
Classified Advertising 0733 898111
Fax 0733 62656.
Telex 32157. ISSN 0953-8240
Editor in chief - Mark Barton
Editor - Anthony Hawkswell
Features editor - Mike Morgan
Tourism editor - Mark Williams
Production editor - Andrew Hurst

Publishing director - Ian Griffin
Group display sales manager - Iain Blackhall
Deputy group sales manager - Claire Jenkinson
Group classified sales manager - Stephen Skinner
Telesales executives - Sally Wright; Ruth Kitchen, Steve Gibbons.
Sales representatives - Hugh Cairns, Paul Murtagh, Liz Green, Lynn Cook.
Advertisement production manager - Nicky Curd
Group marketing manager - Sarah Ramsden
Subscriptions inquiries-Joanne Reed

Coachmart is only available by pre-paid subscription. Domestic subscription rate is £45 per year; £75, 2 years; £95, 3 years; and Europe (including Irish Republic) £85 per year. Worldwide air mail rate is £115 per year. All rates include postage.
Contributions should be sent to The Editor, **Coachmart**, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS. The Editor cannot accept responsibility for claims and statements by authors and manufacturers whose views do not necessarily represent those of the publisher, or for any mistakes or misprints, although every care is taken to ensure accuracy.

Typesetting and colour origination: Meridian Media Services Ltd, Orton Southgate, Peterborough. Printing: William Gibbons & Sons Ltd, Wolverhampton.

ABC
MEMBER OF THE AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS

© EMAP Response Publishing 1991

1989 VOLVO B10M GL Plaxton Paramount 3500
49/53 reclining seats, Centre demountable toilet, Centre continental door, Crew seat, Blinds to windows, Aircraft type lockers, Moquette to roof, Tinted windows.

Save £5000

WAS ~~£87,500~~
DRIVE AWAY PRICE:
£82,500

1988 LEYLAND TIGER 260 ZF Plaxton Paramount 3500
51 reclining seats,Rear continental door, Crew seat, Telma retarder, Tinted windows, Curtains.

Save £5000

WAS ~~£77,500~~
DRIVE AWAY PRICE:
£72,500

We've cut up to £10,000 off the entire Kirkby range. For example:

- Up to £5,000 off Volvo B10M's
- Up to £5,000 off Leyland Tigers
- Up to £10,000 off DAF's
- Up to £5,000 off Bedford's

THE BIGGEST RANGE OF STOCK IN THE COUNTRY

FREE STOCK GUIDE

RING OUR HOTLINE NOW ON
0909 551166

Kirkby Sales, Crossroads, Anston, Sheffield. S31 7ES

KIRKBY
Coach & Bus

VISIT THE GREAT KIRKBY SALE. STARTS AUG 19

Shalder chooses a Volvo B10M

SHALDER Coaches was quick off the mark with one of the first J reg coaches to leave Plaxton Retail Sales premises at Anston.

The Volvo B10M continues Shalder's tradition of new Plaxton coach additions for its activities on Shetland.

General manager, Alan Young, collected the coach after it had been painted in Shalder's distinctive black and white livery.

Its Paramount coachwork is a 3200 to one star specification.

Shalder operates 12 coaches and one minicoach from Lower Scord, Scalloway.

Above: Shalder continues its Plaxton tradition.

Brittain's gets fourth new coach

TWO DAF/Caetanos with J plates brought Brittain's of Northampton tally of new vehicles in the past year up to four.

Managing director, Walt Cunningham, told *Coachmart* that it was part of the company's normal replacement programme.

'We very often get them during August and then they can prove themselves before next season.'

Brittain's is an all-Caetano fleet with an equal mix of Scania and DAF chassis. A case of six of one and half-a-dozen of the other. The latest additions are mounted on the rear-engined DAF SB 3000 DKV module. One has 288 bhp turbo-charged engine with seven-speed ZF gearbox and ABS braking, while the other has the same engine and eight-speed gearbox.

The seven-speed version has 49/53 reclining seats and centre-sunken demountable toilet. This contrasts with the eight speed variant which is built to touring specification, featuring 53/55 seats.

Photograph: Walt Cunningham (left) and Derek Wakefield, sales director for Salvador Caetano UK.

Plymouth Citybus buys Beavers

A FLEET of 20 new Reeve Burgess Beavers took to the streets of Plymouth on August 1 as Plymouth Citybus embarked on the first stage of replacing its 85-strong midibus fleet. The Beavers are believed to be the biggest single batch of buses to enter service on the first day of J prefix registrations.

'Plymouth is enjoying a gradual increase in the number of people using its service - which goes against the national downward trend - and I see this as a direct result of our policy of providing high-frequency services with attractive small buses,' says Brian Fisher, Plymouth Citybus managing director.

Browns' Bovas are distinctive

A FLIGHT of birds towards the rear of the blue stripes on Browns Coaches' new Bova adds a touch of distinction matched only by the registration - J8 OVA.

Browns operates 12 coaches out of South Kirkby in West Yorkshire. Its latest coach is a Bova Futura FHD 12.290 12-metre coach with 51/55 luxury reclining seats.

Other features in the luxury specification include: sunken off-side centre toilet with detachable top facility; stepwell and manual continental door; double-glazed tinted side windows; driver's sleeping berth; 35 litre capacity coolbox; electric water boiler; DE headlamps/foglamps; adjustable steering wheel; additional rear luggage compartment and driver's suspension seat.

Ebdon's continues its 10-year association with Neoplan Skyliners

EBDON'S of Sidcup joined the J reg celebrations with the latest in a line of Neoplan Skyliners which started 10 years ago.

Like the rest of the fleet, the new £200,000 'decker has been put to work on Ebdon's extensive day excursion programme.

Said director, Colin Ebdon: 'It's first day out was a day tour to Eastbourne.'

The coach is powered by Mercedes-Benz V8 twin-turbo engine.

It has rear wheel steering and is double-glazed.

Above: Ebdon's new £200,000 Neoplan Skyliner 'decker.

Swifts prove so popular with Island Coachways

LIONEL Miles, managing director of Island Coachways, told *Coachmart* the Elme Orion-bodied Leyland Swifts have proved very popular with its passengers and drivers.

He says that the performance of two vehicles introduced last year has fully justified the purchase of a third.

Avondale International, of Lytham St Annes, supplied the trio which are used on Island Coachways' all year round executive service and summer season express service to and from Manchester.

Leyland DAF gives K-Valley Mini Coaches a four-strong fleet

WOKING, Surrey-based K-Valley Mini Coaches has increased its fleet size to four with the arrival on August 1 of a new J reg Leyland DAF 400.

The vehicle is a Crystals-bodied 16-seater and powered by a Peugeot two-and-a-half litre diesel engine. It will be used on school contracts as well as evening and weekend private hire work.

All the seats have belts and the vehicle also boasts CD, tuner and 6x120 watt speakers.

Frank Trotman, owner of K-Valley Mini Coaches, currently has two Freight Rovers and a Transit in his fleet.

Mr Trotman said that the choice of a DAF was based on price. 'I wanted a new mini-coach, but it had to be at a reasonable cost. The DAF fitted the bill perfectly,' he told *Coachmart*.

Right: K-Valley Mini Coaches' latest recruit - the Leyland DAF 400.

The sign of a great coach

Whatever the size of your operation, the purchase of a new coach represents a major investment. In deciding upon which to choose, good looks, quality, comfort and cost-effectiveness are all items which must be taken into consideration. Jonckheere also takes these items into account.

For years, Jonckheere has been building solid and perfectly finished coaches to the total satisfaction of their customers – customers who can also count on an excellent after sales service. Wherever you are, 24 hours a day, you can always rely on prompt specialist assistance from Jonckheere.

So once you have made the decision to invest in a new coach, the rest is easy. Just look at all the alternatives, then choose the one which carries the sign of a great coach . . .

JONCKHEERE

JONCKHEERE UK LTD, 3 WEDDELL WAY, BRACKMILLS, NORTHAMPTON NN4 0HS. TELEPHONE 0604 760161

Low costs must not lead to low safety standards

From Barry Baker

SIR

Once again we are into the 'silly season' with operators quoting unrealistic prices.

Last week we received an enquiry about the cost of hiring a coach to go from Taunton to Harrogate, picking up at Swindon on the way. The vehicle had to be in North Yorkshire by 9.30 am and return the same day between four and five in the afternoon.

Most of our quoting is done with the aid of 'Auto-Route', which came up with a journey time of 13 hours 38 minutes for the round trip - not including waiting time in Harrogate - and a mileage of 756 miles. Departure time was calculated at 2.30 am and two drivers would be needed.

On contacting the client we quoted a price of £680 which worked out at roughly 90p a mile.

The client was amazed and his response ran along the lines of: 'Are you taking the mickey?'

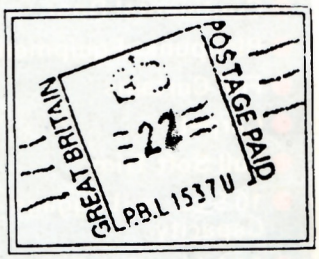
He thought we were trying it on as he had been quoted £280 by another local operator. On mileage alone that works out at 37p a mile - hardly enough to cover wages or running costs.

Competitive pricing is one thing, but how can anyone justify such silly prices? I rang the operator concerned and he confirmed that the quote he had given was his price for the job. When asked how he arrived at that figure, he replied that he had taken a quick glance at the map and Harrogate didn't seem that far!

Coach operators on the whole are professional and responsible businessmen, but there appears to be an element who cut costs to the bone - let's hope they are not cutting passenger safety as well.

BARRY BAKER
PROPRIETOR
BAKERS COACHES
6 BUCKLAND ROAD
PEN MILL TRADING
ESTATE
YEOVIL
SOMERSET

Send your letters to:
The editor, *Coachmart*,
EMAP Response
Publishing Ltd,
Wentworth House,
Wentworth Street,
Peterborough, PE1 1DS,
or by fax: 0733 62656



The editor is always pleased to receive letters for publication in *Coachmart* and will, if requested, publish these anonymously. But please attach your name and address for our own information.

Companies must not contain warring factions

From a former National Bus Company employee

SIR

Marksman's comments about the relationship between engineering and operating departments (*Coachmart*, July 25) reminded me of my time in the traffic department of one of the larger NBC subsidiaries and the relationship between my department and the engineers gave me cause for concern on several occasions.

It was sometimes difficult to believe that we were in the same company - it was more like warring factions.

My background helped me understand many of the inherited engineering problems and I can say I took every opportunity to foster a good working relationship with my engineering colleagues.

Sadly, reciprocal gestures were rare - certainly at head office level and this was reflected in the overall performance of the company. In contrast, on my visits to other depots in the company, I generally got on well with the engineers.

Despite persistent troubles with vehicle presentation and availability there was little attempt at joint action and, regrettably, throughout my time with the company three senior engineers at head office vociferously objected to any criticism of their department while indulging in regular sniping - including very personal abuse - at me and my traffic colleagues.

In my opinion the blame rested with the managing director who failed to bang managerial heads together. The moral of the tale is that discord is not only unnecessary, but positively harmful.

Although I agree with Marksman that it is an endemic practice, I cannot concure that it is in any way desirable because under pressure 'healthy' discord can all too easily turn to hostility to the detriment and morale of the business generally.

It would be ridiculous to suggest that a traffic manager should have a full grasp of engineering matters, and equally, that the fleet engineer should be a marketing schedules expert, but it is reasonable to expect both to have some appreciation of the other's responsibilities and problems. The success - or otherwise - of your business may depend on it.

NAME AND ADDRESS
SUPPLIED

LOOK AT THESE FEATURES

TOURING SPEC

- Super High Body
- 53 Recliners
- Continental Door
- Blaupunkt Equipment
- Full Curtains
- Carpets
- Full Soft Trim
- 10.5 cu. m. Luggage Capacity
- 11.5 Litre D.A.F.
- 3 yr DAF Warranty

ALSO AVAILABLE

EXECUTIVE SPEC

- Super High Body
- 51/53 Recliners
- Centre Toilet
- Water Boiler
- Refrigerator

Salvador Caetano

Mill Lane, Heather, Leicestershire LE6 1QE
Telephone: (0530) 63333. Fax (0530) 63379

THE MINIBUS CENTRE ///

THE MIDLANDS LEADING CENTRE FOR MINIBUSES
WE SPECIALISE, OTHERS COMPROMISE

Lease or Buy with Confidence

★★★★★★ **STAR BUY** ★★★★★★★

G (90) NISSAN URVAN 12 seat minibus, long wheel base, superb condition, with only 18,000 miles, side door, 5 speed, stereo, PSV as required, all finance options available **£7,295**
Lease from £42 per week

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

H (91) FORD TRANSIT, 12 seat minibus, 2.0 petrol, power steering, side door, 5 speed, cloth trim, L specification, stereo, PSV as required, all finance options available, delivery miles **£10,895**
Lease for £54 per pwk

G (reg) VAUXHALL RASCAL, 5 seat, custom converted, reclining seats, fully carpeted, twin side doors, rear wash wipe, 5 speed, very economical **£5,495**
Lease for £35 per week

F (89) FORD TRANSIT 12 seat, custom built, high spec, reclining seats, 5 speed, grey carpet interior, with contrasting seats, side door, only one of its kind. Call now for more details, PSV available.
Lease for £36 per week

G (90) LEYLAND DAF 15 seat, diesel, hi-roof, PSV, side door, 5 speed, cloth interior, 14,000 miles, custom converted **£11,495**
Lease for £72 per week

G (90) FORD TRANSIT 15 seat, diesel, side door, 5 speed, cloth trim, PSV, cloth interior **£11,995**
Lease for £75 per week

MORE BUSES ARRIVING DAILY PLEASE CALL US WITH REQUIREMENTS

VAT APPLICABLE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. LEASE, LEASE PURCHASE AND FINANCE

Contact Steve

☎ **Direct Line 021 505 2021/021 505 2302** Fax 021 505 1671 A/H (0831) 313169

Showrooms at High Street (Main A41), 127-129 Hilltop, West Bromwich 5 mins off M6, Junc 9 and M5 Junc 1. Open 7 days.
Part Exchange welcome. All vehicles fully serviced. New & Used supplied. Inspection welcome. We are licensed by the Office of Fair Trading.

A MEMBER OF THE COMMERCIAL SERVICES GROUP

We've moved on from the days of the 'rolling week'

Q PLEASE can you tell me if a driver on an eight-day tour can legally do some driving on each of the days? I say that a second driver is required but the tour company we work for does not agree.

CA, South Yorks

a YOU are still living in the days of the 'rolling week' - which went out more than four years ago! EC Regulation 3280 defines a week as running from 0000 hours on Monday through to 2400 hours the following Sunday. As well as sweeping away the rolling week, this regulation also included a helpful flexibility to scheduling by allowing the weekly rest period to either begin or end in the week to which it relates. As a theoretical example, consider the scope which that gives over a four-week period: in Week 1 the driver must have some part of the weekly rest for that week and could also take the majority of the weekly rest due for Week 2 - as long as this rest period ended after 0000 on the Monday. He could commence duty at any time after 0001 on that Monday and could put off taking the weekly rest for Week 3 until 2359 on the Sunday of that week. In Week 4 he would have to have to complete the rest period for Week 3 and, at least, start the weekly rest for Week 4.

This means that, providing that other limits are not breached, a driver could drive without a weekly rest period for only minutes less than the 14 days between Monday of Week 2 and Sunday of Week 3. The tour company is therefore right in law regarding the physical presence of a second driver. That is not, however, to say that you are wrong. For, as this example shows, there is a cost in giving rest periods before or after eight days of driving which directly results from that activity. These costs should properly be charged up to that tour.

QUESTIONS answer

Questions on any aspect of coach operation that is giving you problems should be sent to: Marksman, c/o *Coachmart*, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough, PE1 1DS, or by fax: 0733 62656.

Q CAN I put a question on behalf of lady coach drivers? Why is there not an easy way to adjust coach mirrors?

Either they are seized solid in a position suited to a six foot male driver or flop around like elephant's ears after being attacked by a coach wash.
If my folding bicycle can be held together with a special sort of nut with a handle on it, surely a mirror could be clamped in the same way?

ES (A lady coach driver), London

a ABSOLUTELY right! There is no good reason why drivers should need to carry around spanners and Allen keys to adjust their vehicle mirrors.

I hope that publication of your sensible, and obvious, point will be noted, and acted upon, both by designers to get it right in the future and by fleet engineers who can do something for contemporary mirror fixings.

Q CAN you advise what is the situation regarding the carrying of alcohol on coaches going to football matches?

PB, Lancs

a THE operator, the driver and the passengers are all liable to prosecution if they knowingly cause or permit alcohol to be carried on a coach going to designated venues for designated sporting events - both of which are spelled out at length in the legislation.

In attempting to summarise them into a few words I have erred on the side of caution. The designated events, in England and Wales, embrace all football matches other than those played by amateurs and the designated venues are, to all intents and purposes, anywhere in Europe where such events are likely to be played.

The Scottish legislation is wider, for that pulls in international Rugby Union matches too.

Additionally, the Police expect coach operators to arrive between two and one hours before kick-off, without stopping anywhere within 10 miles of the destination (and nowhere at all on route where alcohol is available) and to depart within one hour of the end of the event.

This 'voluntary' code applies to any sporting event, but especially football matches, whether or not it falls within the designations of the legislation.

Q WHAT do you know about the EC Social Charter? I have heard it suggested that it will make it more difficult to dismiss employees.

DM, Gloucs

a THE 'Social Charter' is no more than a document which sets out the aims of creating common social rights throughout the EC.

It was signed in 1989 by all Member States except the UK. But we do not have the power of veto and the Commission has since issued several draft directives to progress the Social Charter.

I am not aware of any yet, which have the effect to give rise to your concern.

There are, however, two draft proposals which would have a considerable impact on the bus and coach industry.

Firstly, in an attempt to apply the equivalent of driving hours to all employment there is a proposed ban on an employee working two consecutive shifts, where one is at night time.

Secondly, National Insurance contributions would become payable after eight hours work in any week, regardless of income. Current UK legislation sets a financial cut in point.

As well bringing more casual employees into the net of National Insurance payments, this may involve the re-programming of computerised wages programmes to take account of hours rather than gross pay.

Weekly report on law and the coach operator by Michael Jewell

Inverclyde director's daughter gets licence following revocation

THOUGH revoking the licence held by Inverclyde Transport, of Greenock, Scottish deputy traffic commissioner, Ramsay Dalgety QC, has granted a new licence to Sharon Wilson, the daughter of Inverclyde's principal director, Andrew Wilson.

Inverclyde's licence was granted for 12 months only, with a final warning, following a public inquiry in March 1990.

In the past 12 months, seven immediate prohibitions, four of which had been endorsed 'neglect', five delayed prohibitions and five delayed variation notices have been imposed on its vehicles.

Disciplinary proceedings started at the end of May, and Mr Dalgety also had before him an application for the renewal of the company's licence in respect of 20 vehicles. In April Sharon Wilson lodged an application for a new eight-vehicle international licence with her mother, Rosemary Wilson, as the nominated transport manager.

During the course of a five-day public inquiry, Mr Dalgety visited the company's premises and watched video recordings, which Mr Wilson maintained supported his allegations that a DTp vehicle examiner had exaggerated the severity of defects on the company's buses *(Coachmart,* June 13, July 4, July 25 and August 1).

Asked to show cause why he should not be disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence, Andrew Wilson said that he did not really have anything to say.

Mr Dalgety said that given the background of Mr Wilson's appearances before the commissioner over the years, disqualification was something he had to consider.

Mr Wilson had been involved with buses for 18 years, yet things kept going wrong when it came to maintenance, and he had previously suffered the penalty of licence revocation.

Mr Wilson said: 'If I or my staff discover a defect justifying a prohibition, and it is repaired, there is no record against me as an operator and no action is taken. If the same defect is discovered by a vehicle examiner, it is a different ball game.'

Deputy traffic commissioner said Andrew Wilson had 18 years experience yet things kept going wrong when it came to maintenance.

Asked what his involvement in the business was, Mr Wilson replied very little at the moment. He spent two to three hours a day. He just saw that everything was done that should be done. He had a manager who looked after the workshop, who had been employed in that capacity for five to six months.

The person concerned had previously been employed as a spare driver, timekeeper, etc. He was not a trained mechanic but he was an electrician.

After Mr Dalgety had commented that whether or not the defects on Inverclyde's buses had merited immediate or delayed prohibitions, they were still sufficiently serious to have attracted the attention of the DTp's Vehicle Inspectorate, Mr Wilson said that vehicles had defects every day.

He told the hearing he could not be expected to inspect every vehicle every day. A full vehicle inspection every day was impossible.

Mr Dalgety said there were many bus operators in the country who, in large measure, managed to put their buses on the road without the necessity of public inquiries.

In reply to Mr Dalgety, Mr Wilson said Inverclyde operated scheduled services six days a week plus a few school contracts.

Revoking the licence with effect from September 28, in order to minimise the disruption to the travelling public, Mr Dalgety said that with some hesitation, he had come to the conclusion that he should not disqualify Mr Wilson from holding a licence.

However, given the nature of the defects found, the fact that he was satisfied the vehicle examiners had been right in arriving at the decisions they made, the previous history and the fact the licence had been for one year only with a final warning, he had no option but to revoke the licence.

Turning to the application by Sharon Wilson, Mr Dalgety said the vehicle examiner had reported that the facilities at her operating centre at Inverclyde's Virginia Street premises would be adequate to maintain eight vehicles subject to a 13-foot height restriction.

Questioned by Mr Dalgety, Miss Wilson said she would be trading in her own name and would be running the business on a day-to-day basis. Her mother's role would be to make sure defects reported were dealt with.

Producing a contract of employment, Mrs Wilson agreed that she was qualified to be the nominated transport manager by experience.

She said she had not worked for Inverclyde Transport, but she was a non-executive director of that company. She felt competent to take on the role of her daughter's transport manager.

Asked what steps she would take to ensure there were good maintenance arrangements, Mrs Wilson said: 'Just make sure the mechanic is doing his job properly.'

Asked whether she would insist that drivers reported defects in writing, Mrs Wilson said she could do, unless she was there at the time.

Sharon Wilson said the vehicles would be hired from Inverclyde Transport Services and they would be inspected every four weeks or 7,000 kilometres by the two mechanics employed by that firm.

Commissioner said if Sharon Wilson thought she could take on the responsibility then she should be given the opportunity.

The Inverclyde Transport Services mechanics were presently employed by Inverclyde Transport Ltd. They would be taken on board but not the workshop manager. She would check to see they did their work properly.

The drivers would be employed by Inverclyde Transport Services and would be hired with the buses. She and her mother would check to see they too were doing their job properly. If she felt things were not as they should be, she would require her mother to take action as the maintenance contractor.

Mrs Wilson said she would have no hesitation in taking the necessary action to ensure there was competent staff.

After Mr Dalgety had said he had seen various financial documents and it appeared that overall there was adequate funding, subject to a letter of intent from Mrs Wilson guaranteeing certain facilities to her daughter, Miss Wilson said that letter would be produced within a week. She accepted that without it there could be ▶

Weekly report on law and the coach operator by Michael Jewell

◀ cash-flow problems.

In reply to Mr Dalgety, Miss Wilson said she appreciated that the responsibility was hers and that it was she who would appear in court if there were defects sufficiently serious as to lead to a prosecution by the procurator fiscal.

She said that she was prepared for that responsibility. She undertook to institute a written driver nil defect reporting system and to obtain her own CPC within a year.

Granting the licence, Mr Dalgety said that if Miss Wilson thought she could take on the responsibility, and that she had the skill to manage the staff, he felt she should be given the opportunity.

If things went wrong, she would have the stark choice of finding another maintenance contractor if she wanted to stay in business.

He was prepared to grant the licence without any restriction on time, as he was going to assume that Miss Wilson would do the job properly. If she could not, then he would take action.

Imposing conditions that no vehicle exceed 13 feet in height, and that only eight specified vehicles as per a submitted list be used, Mr Dalgety said it was his habit with small operators, where there had been problems in the past, to specify the particular type of vehicles to be used.

Amberley Travel bus drivers win their unfair dismissal case

TWO bus drivers, made redundant by Pudsey-based Amberley Travel after it had the authorisation on its licence cut to four vehicles *(Coachmart,* March 21) have won claims for unfair dismissal before a Leeds industrial tribunal.

The parties have been given 28 days in which to agree the amount of compensation to be paid to the drivers, Patricia Milner and Wesley Browne.

The tribunal heard that Amberley had run regular services and contract hire with two coaches and five service buses.

At the public inquiry, North Eastern traffic commissioner, Frederick Whalley, had required the company to revise and amend its safety inspection schedule with the Freight Transport Association, change the layout of its workshops, and to supply audited accounts, bank references and proof of working capital.

The public inquiry ended at 5.20 pm on a Thursday, giving the company little more than 54 hours in which to change its bus service registrations and drivers' work rotas, cancel bus services, cancel or hire out private coach work which it was committed to, and to reduce staffing levels to that appropriate to the severely restricted operation it was left with.

As a result, the company cancelled a bus service and curtailed its coach operation, which meant two drivers had to be made redundant.

The company had little more than 54 hours to bring in changes after its vehicle authorisation was cut.

Seven drivers were employed. One was off on long term sick leave, so effectively there were six drivers of whom two had to be made redundant.

Initially, it was decided to make redundant the one with the shortest service and another who was approaching retirement. The latter was willing to take voluntary redundancy and continue on a part-time basis.

Consequently, on the Friday new rosters were prepared. It was felt necessary for the drivers to sign the new conditions to take account of the restrictions imposed by the commissioner, and arrangements were made for that to be done on the Saturday.

By the end of Saturday, all the drivers apart from Mrs Milner and Mr Browne had signed their acceptance of the new conditions.

On the Saturday and Sunday both Mrs Milner and Mr Browne were off duty. The company tried to get in touch with them to sign.

Mr Browne had gone to Durham on the Saturday, and he received a phone call from his wife to say he had to come back to sign. When he got to the office at about 5.20 pm, the general manager, Kevin Fortune, said he wanted the papers signing right away.

Mr Browne felt he was under pressure and said he did not want to sign until he had consulted his union representative. Consequently, he left without signing.

On the Monday when both Mrs Milner and Mr Browne went into work at about 6 am they found that their clock cards had been removed and that they were not on the rota for that day.

Amberley's managing director, Barry Walker, had decided to dismiss them both because they had not agreed to sign the new conditions.

Mr Walker told Mr Browne that he had not signed the form so there was no work for him.

He added that even if Mr Browne agreed to sign there and then, it was too late as he should have signed on the Saturday.

In fact, said the tribunal, Mrs Milner and Mr Browne had not refused to sign. Mrs Milner never had the opportunity of signing on the Saturday. Mr Browne did have, but he wanted to sign subject to discussions with his union representative. They had both denied that they had any outright objection to signing.

Tribunal said there was no need for the company's conditions of service to be signed by the end of the weekend.

They had not refused as they wanted to stay in employment and would have agreed to sign.

The tribunal could well understand the company's decision to abide by the conditions laid down by the commissioner, and it was not given much time in which to do it.

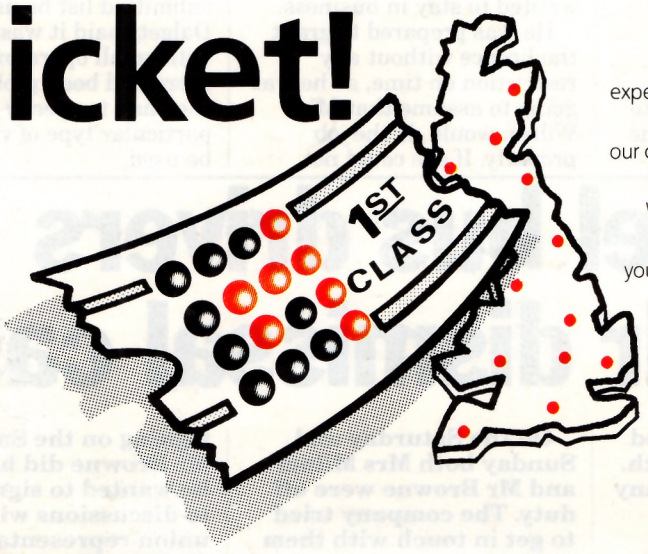
However, there was no need for it to insist on the conditions of service being signed by the end of the weekend.

Mrs Milner and Mr Browne could have been left in employment and allowed to sign a few days later.

If they had then refused, it would have been a justifiable ground for dismissal. They should have been given more time.

The tribunal ruled that the manner in which the dismissals were carried through made them unfair.

Just the ticket!



When you buy a system from Grampian Computers, you'll find you've chosen the most direct route to successful bus management. Our systems are running very successfully, in over 20 locations around the country, helping bus operators maximise their efficiency – and their profitability.

During the last 3 years, we have acquired a great deal of 'hands-on' experience from these installations. Added to our technical expertise and our commitment to customer satisfaction, it's a successful combination.

We also believe in direct answers to direct questions, because when you're committing yourself to our company, you are committing yourself to a long-term relationship with a reliable business partner.

To find out how our systems can help you, simply call Ian Greig now.

- PAYROLL
- LEDGERS AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING
- PURCHASE ORDERING AND STORES
- PASSENGER, REVENUE & MILEAGE ANALYSIS
- FLEET MANAGEMENT
- JOB COSTING
- TRAFFIC

GRAMPIAN COMPUTERS
Whitemyres Avenue, Aberdeen AB9 2YY
Tel. (0224) 692903. Fax. (0224) 693078

SOLUTIONS IN SOFTWARE

SALES
0344 861787
FAX
0344 860780

AVE BERKHOF

PARTS
0252 313646
SERVICE
0252 334481

OFFER THE FOLLOWING QUALITY COACHES

1990 (G) DENNIS JAVELIN 8.5M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200. ★ 35 seats, power door, crew seat, dec. curtains, exterior blue/white/gold. MoT October 1991 ..... **£64,950**

1990 (G) DENNIS JAVELIN 8.5M DUPLE 320SL, 35 recliners, power door, tinted windows, dec curtains, exterior blue/white/gold. MoT November 1991 ..... **£64,950**

1989 (F) DENNIS JAVELIN 11M DUPLE 320L, 55 seats, power door, dec curtains, radio/PA/tape, ext blue/white/gold. Choice of 2, MoT 1992 ..... **£58,950**

1987 (D) DAF MB230 DKVL PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, Telma, ABS, Webasto, 53 recliners, cont. door, sunken toilet, double glazing, Blaupunkt radio/PA/tape, TV, crew seat, hot water boiler, fridge, draw curtains, gangway carpet, burglar alarms, exterior white/blue, one owner/driven from new, MoT March 1992 ..... **£69,950**

1984 (A) VOLVO BERKHOF ESPRIT, 53 seats, Webasto, power door, tinted windows, draw curtains, gangway carpet, crew seat, radio/tape/PA, exterior yellow, MoT January 1992 ..... **£44,950**

1983 (P/P) MERCEDES 0303 INTEGRAL, 53 recliners, Sutrak air conditioning, crew seat, continental door, exterior white/orange, MoT July 1992 ..... **£44,950**

TO VIEW TELEPHONE
DAVID WATERMAN on 0344 861787 or 0836 573535 or 0425 655342
MAURICE BATEMAN on 0344 861787 or 0831 826435 or 0787 475472

All vehicles offered subject to remaining unsold. Prices quoted exclude V.A.T.

LIFE ON THE LONDON COACH TRANSFER CIRCUS

In the final maintenance report of the present series, Mike Morgan follows the performance of Richard Heslop's Dubrava on incoming tourist work.

AFTER 10 years working the London coach transfer market, Geordie Richard Heslop has no illusions about the difficulty of making a living out of coaching.

Nor does he kid himself about why he bought a DSB Dubrava to replace a 1977 Plaxton/Volvo which he had rebuilt as a labour of love.

He said: 'I bought it for price. Even a Bedford/Duple - if it had still been on the market - would have cost more. But with the Dubrava you get a lot more for the money.'

The impressive reliability of Richard's coach during the course of the past six months has raised a few eyebrows. The only thing to report has been clutch fluid contamination.

Although a very slow start to the London tourist market kept mileage down during the early part of this Maintenance Diary survey, Richard is adamant that his monthly returns are accurate.

He said: 'The secret is to keep on top of everything.' However, he does admit to certain flaws during the first few months of ownership, and he confided: 'Once every three months the engine cuts out when the flexi-pipe to the fuel pump works loose.'

Richard had his eyes wide open when he took delivery. So much so that he went out to Yugoslavia to collect the coach himself.

He must have known the TAZ factory had a build quality all of its own. 'Everything had to be tightened-up.'

Weaknesses were soon discovered. Some, like the plug door and side lockers, he can live with as an driver-owner. Others like the gearbox and seating had to be replaced on a return trip to the factory.

Mechanical items which are 'genuine' - ie. built by Mercedes-Benz or ZF - present no problems. However, the clutch didn't last long. A judder was traced to weak springs and a cracked centre plate.

Brakes and steering were in similar mould. Within four months the linings were changed to overcome brake fade, and a growl from the power steering was gradually eradicated by replacing a 'duff' filter and later fitting a 'genuine' pump.'

Nevertheless the coach is still prone to wander in high winds. Richard puts this down to the narrow front track, but he claims it's not as bad as an AEC.

Heating and ventilation in the Dubrava favour cold weather. 'You can watch them fry in the back when it's hot,' said Richard. Retrofit air conditioning is a possibility, particularly after his experience re-fitting Bristol FLFs in North America.

Meanwhile, two Ford Escort blowers have been wired in-series to lend much needed assistance to the passenger saloon air-flow.

It is Richard's mechanical aptitude and realistic appreciation of the Dubrava's capabilities which enables him to get the best out of his bargain coach. He believes a splitter gearbox would help fuel consumption, and after the amount of work he did to rebuild the Volvo, it would come as no surprise to find F865 ONR was the first 12-speed Dubrava in captivity.

Richard Heslop's DSB Dubrava: working the streets of London.

Meanwhile he is preoccupied with the struggle for survival in the London coach jungle. 'You have to work hard and do everything yourself.

'The best time was during the rail strike with five Gatwicks a day. The worst was 16 hotels on one Heathrow transfer.'

He predicts a tough winter. 'It will be hard and a lot will go under.

'I may go for a school contract to keep the money coming in. Instead of using the Dubrava I may buy an old banger for that sort of work. If I do, it definitely won't be a Bedford - I've done too much work on them.

'It's heartbreaking to see the jockey pulley seize and go through your new radiator - again. Apart from that they haven't got enough power to move out of their own way.'

With a realism bred of bitter experience he added: 'They've not built a machine that's foolproof.' ▶

Month Six - July 1991

ESSBEE'S 609D - Specification

Chassis - Mercedes-Benz 609D
Engine - Mercedes-Benz OM 364 four-cylinder
Gearbox - G3 five-speed synchromesh
Body - Made-to-Measure - 25 seats
Date first registered - October 1990

Maintenance report

Mileage this month - 5,673.9 miles
Total mileage since February 1, 1991 - 34,043.4 miles
Type of work - private hire and works contracts
Fuel used this month - 337.7 gallons
Total fuel used since February 1, 1991 - 2,023 gallons
Fuel consumption this month - 16.8 mpg
Average consumption since February 1, 1991 - 16.8 mpg
Engine oil used this month - 0.9 litres
Total oil used since February 1, 1991 - 6.3 litres
Tyre maintenance this month - nil
Problems rectified this month - full service.

GOLD CIRCLE'S 425 -

Specification

Vehicle - Duple 425 integral
Engine - Cummins L10
Gearbox - ZF seven speed
Body - 51 recliners, toilet, TV and double glazed
Date first registered - September 1989

Maintenance report

Mileage this month - 15,324 miles
Total mileage since February 1, 1991 - 78,436 miles
Type of work - Citylink service 904/947 - Aberdeen/Glasgow to Gatwick
Fuel used this month - 1,193 gallons
Total fuel used since February 1, 1991 - 6,381 gallons
Fuel consumption this month - 12.85 mpg
Average consumption since February 1, 1991 - 12.3 mpg
Engine oil used this month - nil
Total oil used since February 1, 1991 - 22 litres
Tyre maintenance this month - nil
Problems rectified this month - nil

Spanish tourists return to Gatwick Airport on the Dubrava.

Comments - during its first week with a new engine after last month's engine failure, the 425 returned 15 mpg. Consumption has now settled down to 12.7 mpg with one driver and 13 mpg with another.

Cummins did not accept responsibility for the blown engine, which had covered 319,000 miles in 22 months.
Bob Chapman has still to make a decision on a new coach.

He has his eyes on another 425 and says he would certainly be interested if Plaxton introduced a new vehicle from its Carosserie Lorraine plant in France which has the former Duple jigs. 'UK users would delight in the availability of an upgraded 425.'

HESLOP'S DUBRAVA -

Specification

Vehicle - DSB Dubrava 3200
Engine - Mercedes-Benz OM 422 280 bhp
Gearbox - PPT-built ZF S6.80
Body - 53 seats
Date first registered - March 1989

Maintenance report

Mileage this month - 4,579 miles
Total mileage since February 1, 1991 - 12,922 miles
Type of work - airport transfers and day tours
Fuel used this month - 520 gallons
Total fuel used since February 1, 1991 - 1,443 gallons
Fuel consumption this month - 8.8 mpg
Average consumption since February 1, 1991 - 8.95 mpg
Engine oil used this month - nil
Total oil used since February 1, 1991 - nil
Tyre maintenance this month - front nearside tyre turned on rim (rears due for August replacement).
Problems rectified this month - full service done on July 29 including full brake strip down and clean - no parts replaced.

MIDLAND UNITED'S VOLVO -

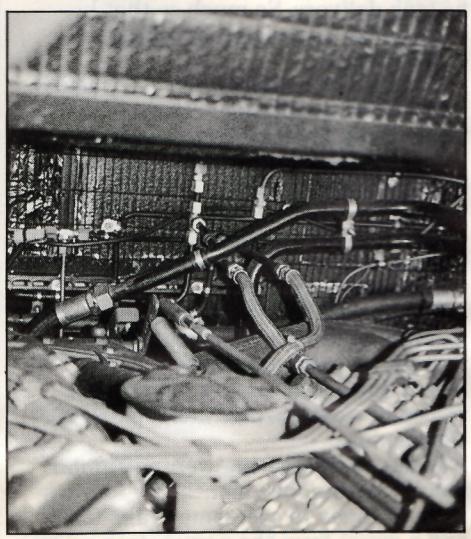
Specification

Chassis - Volvo B10M GL Mk III
Engine - Volvo THD101GD 273 bhp
Gearbox - ZF S6.90
Body - Jonckheere Deauville Mk III, 51 seat plus toilet
Date first registered - March 1990

Maintenance report

Mileage this month - 8,820 miles
Total mileage since February 1, 1991 - 36,134 miles
Type of work - private hire, tours, National Express
Fuel used this month - 882 gallons
Total fuel used since February 1, 1991 - 3,695.6 gallons
Fuel consumption this month - 10 mpg
Average consumption since February 1, 1991 - 9.78 mpg
Engine oil used this month - nil
Total oil used since February 1, 1991 - nil
Tyre maintenance this month - nil
Problems rectified this month - the B10M received two inspection checks and a full service which included oil and filter change.

A new infra-red unit on the alarm system was replaced under warranty.



DSB Dubrava: fuel supply flexi-hose works lose every three months.

THE VEHICLES

Chassis	Body	Operator	Location
Mercedes-Benz 609D	Made-to Measure	Essbee Mini-bus	Glasgow
Duple	425	Gold Circle Coaches	Airdrie
DSB	Dubrava	C R Heslop	London
Volvo B10M MkIII	Jonckheere	Midland United	Birmingham
Dennis Dart	Carlyle	Padarn Bus	Llanberis
Bova	Europa	Glyn Williams	Crosskeys

Three dash light bulbs changed.

Comments - Sue Cleaver told *Coachmart:* 'We have complained again to Volvo about the brakes still grabbing and juddering.

'A new steering arm is needed, but has not been fitted because the wrong one was supplied - perhaps this is the cause of the abnormal tyre wear we have suffered.'

PADARN'S DART - Specification

Chassis - 9.8-metre Dennis Dart
Engine - Cummins 6BT 5.9 litre
Gearbox - Allison four-speed automatic
Body - Carlyle Dartline
Date first registered - January 1991

Maintenance report

Mileage this month - 7,276 miles
Total mileage since February 1, 1991 - 40,996 miles
Type of work - local service
Fuel used this month - 652 gallons
Total fuel used since February 1, 1991 - 3,555 gallons
Fuel consumption this month - 11.5 mpg
Average consumption since February 1, 1991 - 11.53 mpg
Engine oil used this month - nil
Total oil used since February 1, 1991 - six litres
Tyre maintenance this month - nil
Problems rectified this month - both of the wiper motors were replaced by Carlyle to rectify an over-enthusiastic wiper-sweep.

Comments - Dave Price said: 'The bus seems to have settled down now. All it needed this month was a normal service.'

WILLIAMS' BOVA - Specification

Vehicle - BOVA Europa
Engine - DAF 8.27 litre
Gearbox - ZF six-speed
Body - 53 seats
Date first registered - August 1981

Maintenance report

Mileage this month - 2,400 miles
Total mileage since February 1, 1991 - 14,400 miles
Type of work - private hire
Fuel used this month - 220 gallons
Total fuel used since February 1, 1991 - 1,320 gallons
Fuel consumption this month - 10.9 mpg
Average fuel consumption since February 1, 1991 - 10.9 mpg
Engine oil used this month - 2.8 litres
Total oil used since February 1, 1991 - 16.65 litres
Tyre maintenance this month - nil
Problems rectified this month - full service.

It pays to display your name and number in the London coach market.

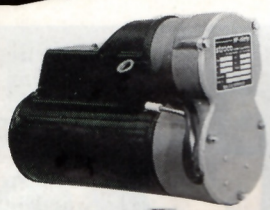
WE NEED YOUR HELP

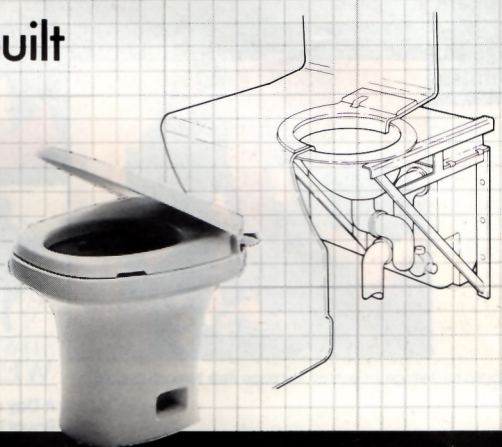
***COACHMART* needs six vehicles from six different operators to monitor maintenance experiences for six months - September, October, November, December, January, February.**

If you want to participate, contact: Mike Morgan, *Coachmart*, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough, PE1 1DS - Tel: 0733 63100 ext 5249.

BRADTECHNOLOGY

custom designed and built systems for toilets, tanks, heaters and catering equipment for all PSV's





Bradtechnology is an established and experienced company, specialising in the design and installation of complete water systems for all types of PSV's.

We are stockists of Electra-magic toilets and Aqua-magic and other fresh water flush toilets; a range of the highly efficient, Danish made 'Stroco' combustion heaters in a choice of capacities; and we manufacture fresh water, waste water and effluent holding tanks to specification, in plastic or stainless steel, to a maximum capacity of 100 gallons. We also supply 'Whale' and other quality pumps and accessories to suit your installation.

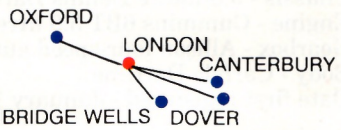
Whatever your requirements, just give us the details and we'll specify the most suitable equipment, design the whole system and install it for you in double quick time so that your vehicle is quickly on the road and in service.

Talk to us before you make your next move and save time, trouble and probably money.

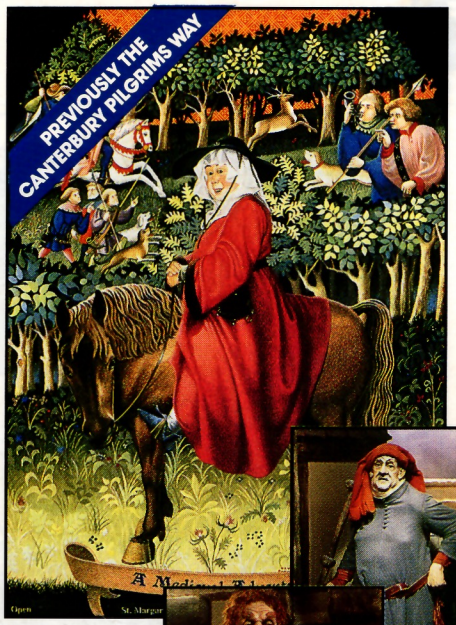
Bradtechnology, Unit 3, Ladford Covert, Seighford, Stafford ST18 9QD.
Telephone: 0785 282800

A history of success with the Travel Trade

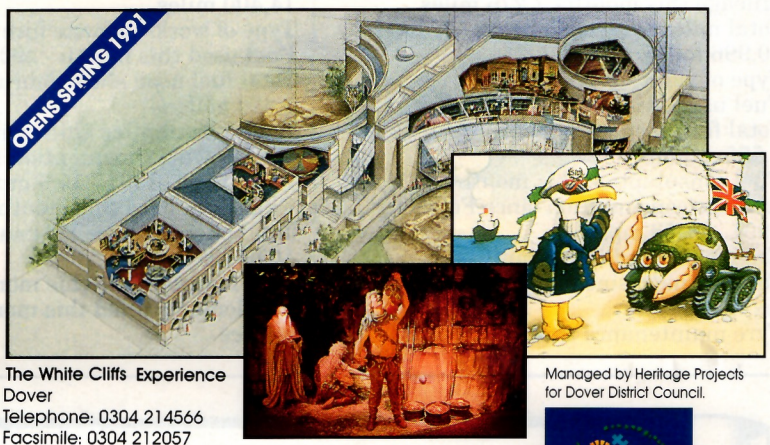
- The South of England's most exciting visitor attractions
- Assistance in planning your days itinerary
- Generous group discounts
- Open every day of the year
- Pre-booking available
- Promotional material support
- Travel Trade information pack available



For information on opening times and group admission rates:



The Canterbury Tales, Canterbury
Telephone: 0227 454888 Facsimile: 0227 765584



The White Cliffs Experience
Dover
Telephone: 0304 214566
Facsimile: 0304 212057

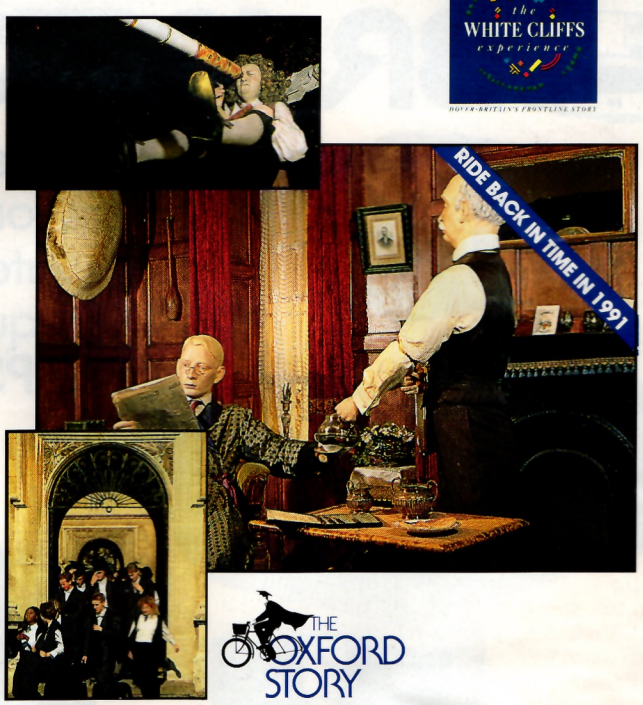
Managed by Heritage Projects for Dover District Council.

the WHITE CLIFFS experience

Managed by Heritage Projects for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

A DAY at the WELLS

A Day at The Wells
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Telephone: 0892 546545
Facsimile: 0892 513857



THE OXFORD STORY

The Oxford Story
Oxford
Telephone: 0865 728822
Facsimile: 0865 791716

Information Hotline

Call Sara Thorn on our Information Hotline (0904) 646411 for our 4 attraction Travel Trade packs, including full details of the amazing new White Cliffs Experience.

Heritage

Bringing the Past to Life

COACH
TOURS & EXCURSIONS

SPECIAL FEATURE

Cross-channel theme choice

A TRIP to a European theme park may not mean merely an extended excursion. With short-break sales growing year by year, Europe's theme parks may be perfect to add wider family appeal to a market otherwise dominated by 55-and-over clients. This week, *Coach Tours & Excursions* takes a look at the latest news from the continent, and lists most of the major theme parks in its easy-to-read table. Keep it for future reference.

Dutch park set for huge growth

HOLLAND'S premier theme park, Efteling, is gearing up for next year with a new 122-room hotel built right in the gates to the venue. ... and a development plan which will make the park five times larger.

Architects have come up with an extraordinary hotel building which is claimed to offer four-star standards. Prices are, however, reasonable with a four-bed apartment costing around £64. There are a wide variety of sizes and types rooms to choose from.

De Efteling is keen to stress that it intends to keep its arrangements with other hotels in the area, many of which are better suited to multiple group accommodation than the new facility.

It's the start of a much, much grander plan which aims to keep the park in pace with other European attractions. Two 18-hole championship golf courses, a themed holiday village, sports centre, chalet park and, eventually, another complete Efteling next door .

'No European leisure venue or theme park can afford to ignore the arrival of the new EuroDisney in April next year,' explained a spokesman.

'Clearly Disney has enormous appeal and as a large, commercial American product with an international reputation it is unbeatable.

'Efteling, on the other hand, has a different and quite unique attraction. With its roots firmly based in European cultures and tradition, Efteling's appeal comes from the enchanting fairytale atmosphere, and the beautiful peaceful setting,' he said.

'Indeed, it is felt that ultimately Efteling, with a different appeal, will stand to benefit from the raised awareness of the theme and leisure park product that EuroDisney will bring.'

On *Coachmart's* visit it was clear that Efteling has potential as a European, as opposed to American, product but it still has some way to go before it has complete appeal to UK visitors.

Tucked into a natural woodland, the park certainly does have a charm which beats hands down a new attraction dug from open farmland. The rides and gardens are superb, the staff friendly and professional, the parking excellent and the pricing competitive.

The food was good and varied.

However, some of the appeal of the fairytales told around the park will be lost on UK children since, apart from the relatively new Laafs legend, the stories are told exclusively in Flemish by the animatronic characters. Some, like Little Red Riding Hood, are so well-known as to not need explanation but many of the other tales are uniquely Dutch.

Of course, almost all the staff speak excellent English but that makes it all the more odd that signing around the park is, again, almost all in Flemish. *Coachmart* was assured this would be looked into before next season

Deals for Efteling visits are available not only from the park but also from Olau Line, which sails to Vlissingen, just a short drive away. Serviced by the new *Hollandia* and *Britannia* super-ferries - which even a rival ferry operator admitted were 'superb' - operators should have no cause for complaint. Group rates for a four-day break - two overnight sailings including cabin, and one night in a Dutch hotel - are £76 for adults and £65 children. All breaks are half-board though breakfast on the ferry is £4.50 extra.

Efteling is undoubtedly good value. However, the shortcomings of Efteling's distinctly Dutch flavour should be pointed out to clients when or before they book.

Using the tables

THE European theme park tables on pages 26 and 27 list most of the top venues. In all cases, details shown have been supplied by the park itself, which has decided on the definitions of, for example, white knuckle rides.

Details of additional attractions and driver incentives are coded. The codes are:

Attractions: ❖ = gardens; ❍ = shows; ❄ = aquarium; ■ = organised activity.

Driver incentives: ❑ = rest room; ✱ = free meal; ✇ = gift discounts; ❇ = wash-down.

EURO THEME PARKS

Name, address, and phone/Fax	Rides					Other facilities			
	Area (acres)	Children's (under 6)	White Knuckle	Others	Indoor rides (all categories)	Picnic area	Zoo or wildlife park	Stately home	Other (see codes)
Bellewaerde Park, Meenseweg 497, 8902 Ieper, Belgium 010 32 57 467491/Fax 467595	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	✖	✔	✖	✖
Efteling, Europalaan 1, Postbus 18 5170 AA Kaatsheuvel, Holland 01 31 4167 88111/ Fax:81095	72ha	20	5	nil	5	✔	✖	✖	○❖
Bobbejaanland, Olensteenweg 45, 2460 Lichtaart, Belgium 010 32 1455 7811/ Fax:7815	30ha	10	4	30	6	✔	✖	✖	○■
EuroDisney, Marne La Vallee, AutoR A4, Sortie Bailly Romainvilliers, France	5,000	29	n/a	n/a	n/a	✖	✖	✖	○■
EuropaPark, Sh 2, DU 7631, Rust, Germany, Fax: 010 49 7822 77277	n/a	5	3	17	7	✔	✖	✖	
Legoland Park, DK 719, Billund, 5170 AA Kaatsheuvel, Holland 01 31 4167 88111/ Fax:81095	n/a	21	nil	nil	2	✔	✖	✖	❖
Telecoo, Coo-B- 4970, Stavelot, Belgium 010 32 80 684265/Fax: 684443	100ha	6	3	1	n/a	✔	✔	✖	○■
Parc Asterix, BP 8, 60128 Plailly, France 010 33 4462 3131/ Fax: 549060	40ha	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✖	✖	✖	○

Blowing our own tubas about our 32 page, full colour 1992 brochure – OUT SOON. Get on our mailing list now

wholesale prices are the best yet.

Success Tours

Success Tours Limited
42a Roundstone Street
Trowbridge BA14 8DE

Telephone 0225 764205 Fax 0225 777520

THE NEW **WEMBLEY** STADIUM TOUR

Each year Wembley plays host to an amazing variety of sporting and entertainment events. The new 1991 Wembley tour takes you behind the scenes, gives you the chance to experience the unique sights, sounds and feelings that are usually the privilege of the chosen few. Fact filled, exciting, with something for everyone, no matter how young or old.

- ★ Ride the Wembley landtrain – see the sights in style
- ★ Climb those famous steps – collect 'the cup'
- ★ See the famous pitch – close up
- ★ Check security at Event Control
- ★ Visit the Royal Box and banqueting hall
- ★ Players changing rooms
- ★ With special cinema presentation, 'Wembley's Greatest Moments'
- ★ And a wonderful price: Adults £3.50, Children (15 and under) and Senior Citizens £2.50. Special rates for students.

Opening Times. We're open 7 days a week, except event and special days. Tours depart continuously, throughout the day, from 10am. Last tour departs 4pm.

Bookings. Special discounts for groups 20+. School teachers – 1 free ticket per 10 pupils.

We advise you to phone before visiting. 081-902 8833

Ample parking available.

THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR
SPONSORED BY Coca-Cola

FREE COACH PARKING PLUS A FREE PASS FOR YOU

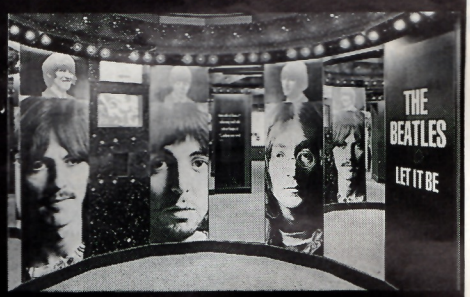
EURO THEME PARKS

Catering			Admission rates			Coach parking				
Waitress-serve	Cafeteria	Other (takeaway)	Individual (adult/concession)	Cost of rides (if any)	Group rates (adult/individual)	Coach spaces	Distance from entrance	Charge (if any)	Driver benefits (see codes)	Attendance 1990 (1,000s)
✔	✔	✔	480BF/ 390BF	none	375BF/ 250BF	500	nil	50BF	✱✇	900
✔	✔	✔	22.50Hfl	none	19.5Hfl	200	nil	none	✱❑✇	2,500
✔	✔	✔	450BF	none	390BF	500	50 yds	50BF	✱	1,000
✔	✔	✔	200FF	none	200FF entry assured	500	n/a	none	n/a	11,000
✔	✔	✔	23DM	none	19.90DM	200	30yds	none	✱✇	1,500
✖	✖	✔	44DKK/	8DK	36DKK	70	200yds	none	✱	1,040
✔	✔	✔	430BF	60BF	380BF	200	150yds	none	✱✇	100
✔	✔	✔	145FF	none	phone	155	50yds	none	✱	1,453

THE WORLDS MOST EXCITING BEATLES EXPERIENCE

IN LIVERPOOL THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BEATLES

Day Tripper Yeah



The Beatles Story is a walk through experience with 18 features capturing the sights, sounds and even the smells of the swingin 60s. Take a trip to Hamburg, feel the Cavern Beat, tune into Flower Power and try your Beatle knowledge on our computer.

A MAGICAL THE BEATLES Story EXPERIENCE

OPEN 8 DAYS A WEEK!

Britannia Pavillion, Albert Dock, Liverpool

Tel. 051 709 1963

See 1000 years of Naval History

Special opportunities for the travel trade

- HMS WARRIOR 1860
- HMS VICTORY
- MARY ROSE
- ROYAL NAVAL MUSEUM

Choose any Combination One/Two/Three Attractions and become eligible for:

Operation Flagships '91
Super Trade Discounts

PHONE FOR DETAILS: (0705) 870999

Operation Flagships

NAVAL HERITAGE AT PORTSMOUTH

GROUP BOOKINGS: (0705) 839766

OPEN DAILY

THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD, PORTSMOUTH

Parc Asterix nearest to Disney challenge

PARC Asterix, the first of the French theme parks, is also closest to the EuroDisney challenge, just 30km north of Paris.

It remains to be seen whether The Gauls can compete against Mickey Mouse and friends but it does have a near-1.5 million visitor head start - its 1990 totals - on its rival.

Parc Asterix has its own flavour, with characters from the famous cartoon strip its central theme. One of Europe's top dolphinariums and a smattering of rides are among other attractions.

Parc Asterix definitely sets out to entertain smaller children, though. Its fairytale cartoon strip characters are available in vast numbers, even as dressed actors.

For older visitors, there's covered picnic areas, gardens and some peaceful pursuits slotted in around the thrill rides and children's stories.

Parc Asterix - a single theme but plenty of appeal

Belgian park has its own animal magnetism

BELGIAN park Bellewaerde, at Ieper, is one of few leisure parks still offering a zoo area.

The collection of animals, numbering 300, fits into a wide range of activities and a number of shows including high diving and stunt water skiing. Small children can literally clown around in one area, teenagers can take one of the white knuckle rides and families can enjoy many acres of gardens.

Bellewaerde is very much in the tradition of older theme parks... more leisure than theme. It's ideal to dovetail into a family itinerary if touring Belgium but may not warrant a special trip.

It shares many features with UK theme parks, including a pirate adventure similar to Drayton Manor's.

TELECOO THEME PARK

COO

Belgium's most visited tourist site. *Nearby the well-known F1 circuit of Francorchamps, easy motorway access from the E42 and E25.*

The famous Waterfalls of exceptional beauty. *Situated in the splendid valley of the river Ambieve.*

TELECOO

Chair-lift, Wildlife, Attraction park. Restaurants, cafeterias.

A splendid natural decorum for a day out in open air.

COOKAYAK

Descents of 9 and 22km.

Departing from TELECOO, mono or two seater.

The river Ambieve which meanders around mountains and hills and covers magnificent, unspoiled countryside.

Return journey in TELECOO vehicles.

TELECOO-COOKAYAK, B-4970 STAVELOT
Tel: 080.68.42.65 Fax: 080.68.44.43

Free restaurant meal for drivers and guide.
Special arrangements and discounts for group visits.

ALL-IN group rates: FB 380,-
KAYAK group rates: FB 500,- FB 700,-

Open from 1 March to 15 November – 10am-7pm

Group Therapy

A la Carte Restaurant
Carvery Restaurant
Self-Service Restaurant
Cinema
Casino
Live Entertainment
Disco
Playroom
Video Games
Sauna
Swimming Pool
Duty-Free Supermarket and
Shopping Arcade
Air Conditioned Cabins
with en-suite Shower & Toilet
Lounges
Saloon Bar
Café/Cocktail Bar
Conference Centre

So relaxing, so comfortable, so luxurious — **the Olau experience.**

Ring Olau Group Travel, your exclusive Group information and reservation service, on **0795 666666**, for a copy of our 1991 Group Travel Guide.

Olau

SHEERNESS (KENT) ⇌ VLISSINGEN (HOLLAND)

The Olau experience – just a phone call away!

Olau Line (UK) Ltd., Sheerness, Kent ME12 1SN.

? Interested in

. . . Destinations in the UK & Europe for Excursions and Tours, Hotels, Cross Channel Services, Tour Planning, Tours Wholesalers, Group Travel facilities? You will find them all, and much, much more under one roof at . . .

COACH & BUS 91

October 18-20 1991, Hall 5, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.
Opening times: Oct 18/19 - 09.30 to 17.00
Oct 20 - 09.30 to 16.00
(Trade Only)

Entry and car parking free to bona fide trade persons

BEAT THE QUEUES

For information on pre-registration contact:
Coach and Bus 91, BCC, Sardinia House, 52 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LZ.
Tel: 071-831 7546.
Fax: 071-242 0053.

COACH & BUS 91

THE Coach and Bus event of 1991

See you there!

PARIS

INCLUDING

EURO DISNEY® RESORT

INCLUSIVE PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE FOR 1992

WITH

★ HOTEL ACCOMMODATION – OFF SITE

★ RETURN FERRY CROSSINGS

★ 2 DAY TICKET TO EURO DISNEY® RESORT

GUARANTEED ENTRANCE

EXAMPLES

★★★ NOVOTELS, with swimming pool.
EVRY, SACLAY, LE BOURGET, A ULNAY-SOUS-BOIS
3 nights B&B, ferry + 2 day entrance from **£107**

★ We have allocations at over 20 hotels in and around Paris

★ 2 day tickets will guarantee entrance but must be purchased as part of a package with Link up ferry and accommodation

★ Packages will be available this October which include guaranteed 1 day entrance.

FOR FULL INFORMATION AND OUR PARIS INCLUDING EURO DISNEY® RESORT BROCHURE

Contact

LINK UP INTERNATIONAL
49a SOUTHGATE
BATH BA1 1TG

LINK-UP
INTERNATIONAL

☎ 0225 447567/338909
Fax 0225 444074

A Great day trip for you to offer !

ALL-IN TICKETS - £3.99
Children £2.99; O.A.P's £2.50
with a wide range of facilities for all the family

PLUS - Our generous group discounts make this an appealing day out for you **and** your customers!

RIDES & LIVE ENTERTAINMENTS GALORE -
All included in the admission price !

REFRESHMENTS - BARS - ICES - SWEETS - SOUVENIRS - SWIMWEAR SHOP - AND LOTS MORE FUN BESIDES.

A REALLY SPECIAL DAY OUT THAT WILL SELL ITSELF !

RHYL SUN CENTRE

A Tropical Paradise for all the Family

THE PROMENADE, RHYL, CLWYD, LL18 3AQ.
Ring 0745344433 to discuss your requirements.

EuroDisney reveals its true scale

THE sheer size of EuroDisney's incredible plan can be gauged by its accommodation - out of six hotels, four have more than 1,000 rooms.

From the luxurious Hotels New York and Disneyland - aimed at business travellers as well as the upmarket tourist - down to a 200-tent campsite, there is a room to suit every taste. Lowest priced rooms are at the Hotel Santa Fe and Cheyenne, which start at around 550FF rising to 750FF peak for a family room with two double beds.

Camp Davy Crockett has 414 log-style mobile homes and all the trappings of an American summer camp. Campers get electrical hook-up and water alongside each of the 181 pitches.

The EuroDisney entertainment centre is an all-American good-time fun place,with food, discos and dance halls. Like many of the attractions, it is the real thing - American-designed though French-built.

That Disney is here to stay is underlined by plans which already stretch to the year 2017. Next year alone, there will be 12,000 people employed at the site, a fifth the size of Paris. Ten man-made lakes, several man-made mountains and a plan by the French government to extend the TGV rail network to the site show just how immense the project is.

Signs are still good for opening on April 12, despite rumours of construction being behind schedule. No matter what the the cynics might say, EuroDisney is going to attract a huge amount of interest both next year and for some time.

Operators can currently take group organisers to Espace EuroDisney to get a flavour of the project. Admission is around £1 a head, opening times 11 am to 5 pm, or 7 pm weekends. Booking lines for the real thing opened on March 18.

The UK number is 010 33 1 4941 4910. Operators speak fluent English.

FOR YOUR GROUP TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Speak to the Professionals

BOWENS GROUP TRAVEL DIVISION IS SPECIFICALLY AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU, THE GROUP TRAVEL ORGANISER.

- Tailor made tours to suit you and your budget.
- Hotels, Ferries, Cruises, Special Events, Theatres, Air Tickets, U. K., Europe, Worldwide.
- More important the security of ABTA, which gives you the assurance you are looking for when deciding which operator to use.
- Assistance in printing your Brochure.
- Care and attention from start to finish.

EURODISNEY 3 NIGHTS FROM £59.00 Inclusive of Ferry

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON WEEKENDS
2 Nights, 3 Star Hotel, situated off Oxford St.
FROM **£55.00** PER PERSON

SCOTLAND
6 Nights half board
FROM **£99.00** PER PERSON

ISLE OF WIGHT
6 Nights half board
FROM **£98.00** PER PERSON

NEWQUAY/TORQUAY
5 Nights half board
FROM **£75.00** PER PERSON

EUROPE

AUSTRIA
7 Nights half board inclusive of ferry
FROM **£119.00** PER PERSON

PARIS 2 Nights B & B inclusive of ferry
FROM **£55.00** HIGH SEASON
FROM **£39.00** LOW SEASON

GERMANY
Rhineland (Boppard)
3 Nights half board inclusive of ferry
FROM **£69.00** PER PERSON

AMSTERDAM
2 Nights B & B, Central Hotel, inclusive of ferry
FROM **£59.00** HIGH SEASON
FROM **£39.00** LOW SEASON

SPAIN
7 Nights half board inclusive of ferry
FROM **£69.00** PER PERSON

IATA 9123343 ABTA 69114

BOWENS
GROUP TRAVEL DIVISION

Bowen Travel Limited 101 Cotterills Lane • Alum Rock Birmingham West Midlands B8 3SA • Tel: 021 327 5921 • Fax: 021 328 1314, Telex 335710

COACHES WELCOME

WATFORD/WARE

Queens Moat Houses

MOAT HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL HOTELIERS

WATFORD/WARE

COACH PARTIES WELCOME ON THE DOORSTEP OF LONDON

★ 140 rooms, all with private en-suite and facilities.
★ Watford, close to M1 and M25. Ware close to M25. Both have easy access to London from the Midlands and North.
★ Coach parking. ★ Drivers and Couriers free.
★ Ideal mealstops. Perfect to break your journey.

For reservations and further information:

Telephone: 0923 229212 (20424/CWL)

SKEGNESS

QUEENS HOTEL
49 SCARBOROUGH AVENUE, SKEGNESS

Mrs Sylvia Gordon would like to welcome coach parties to the Queens Hotel situated just off the sea front.
★ 28 bedrooms, many en suite ★ Tea making facilities all rooms ★ TV lounge ★ Very large dining room ★ Licensed bar ★ Entertainment ★ Excellent atmosphere ★ Wide varied menu (5 courses evening meal)
40 or over driver stays free. 50 or over 1 extra stays free.
Open all year round. 4 day Christmas House Party. And try our New Year Party. 3 full days fun, food, festivites (20574/CWL)

REDUCTIONS FOR COACH PARTIES
BOOK YOUR 1992 HOLIDAY NOW TEL. 0754 2073

LLANDUDNO

ELSINORE HOTEL
GRAND PROMENADE, LLANDUDNO

★ Superb seafront position
★ Sun Verandah with beautiful views of the 'Ormes' & mountain scenery
★ Two minutes Pier, principal entertainment and shops
★ Central heating throughout ★ Residents bar ★ Lift ★ TV lounge
★ Varied menus ★ All rooms en suite (incl 13 single rooms)
★ Tea/coffee making facilities & TV in all bedrooms
★ Hotel completely refurbished

COACHES & PARTIES WELCOME
TARIFF NOW AVAILABLE FOR 1992

Joan & Alan Giblin
TEL (0492) 876923 (20260/CWL)

BOURNEMOUTH

FIRCROFT & BURLINGTON HOTELS
OWLS ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, BH5 1AE.

★ Parking for coach ★ All rooms ensuite, col TV, tea mkg. ★ Choice of menus ★ Large ballrooms ★ Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna ★ Sports centre (9am-6pm) ★ 3 full size snooker tables ★ many sea view rooms (Burlington) ★ Entertainment ★ Out of season 3/4/5/ day breaks ★ Close to sea & shops ★ 1 child FREE

TELEPHONE NOW FOR OUR SPECIAL COACHING RATES
0202 309771 OR 0202 398079
FAX 0202 302542 (20152 CWL)

WALES

THE BELGRAVE HOTEL, TENBY

Warm, friendly, comfortable, good food, choice menu, nightly entertainment.
All bedrooms with tea, coffee making facilities, Sky TV. Most with private bathrooms.

HALF BOARD SEPT 21st-27th 6 NIGHTS **£100** + VAT
SEPT 29th-4th OCT 5 NIGHTS **£72.50** + VAT
OCT 21st-25th 4 NIGHTS **£60** + VAT

Telephone Tenby (0834) 2377 ask for Malcolm Thomas

1992 June/July & Sept 6/7 Nights £19 + VAT pppn

(20951/CWL)

MORCAMBE

BOOKING NOW FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Offering bed, breakfast and evening meal. En suite rooms available ● Lift to all floors ● Colour TV, satellite & video link ● Tea/coffee facilities in all rooms ● Fully licensed with entertainment 3 nights per week.

FULL FESTIVAL PROGRAM AT THE

EIDSFORTH HOTEL

For further information and bookings contact Mrs Rita Flanagan **(0524) 411691**
(20972/CWL)

AVON

TRALEE HOTEL
32/34 Birnbeck Road
Weston-Super-Mare BS23 2BX

The ideal position – on the seafront.
37 bedrooms, some en-suite, and with superb sea views across Weston Bay.
For more details and available dates for coach parties during 1992

Tel: Mr & Mrs Cox on (0934) 626707
(20866/CWL)

WYE VALLEY

COACHES WELCOME
WYE VALLEY

NEW MEAL STOP!!!

for coaches touring the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean,
Lunches – Dinners
Cream teas – Snacks

"OPEN ALL HOURS"
THE WYE KNOT INN
SYMONDS YAT WEST
0600 890 501

3 miles Monmouth, 7 miles Ross, overlooking river and valley. River cruises available. Booking preferred
(20538/CWL)

AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA

We offer a reliable and efficient service for Coach Tour Operators.
– Adult Groups
– School–/Youth Groups
– Music Groups & Bands
– Activity Holidays

AUSTRIA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE
Postfach 123,
A-5700 ZELL AM SEE, AUSTRIA.
Telephone: 06542 4452
Telex: 66587 Fax: 06542 4469
(19968/CWL)

NORTHUMBERLAND

–Otterburn– Hall

Northumberland

★ Ideal base for coach holidays
★ Accommodation for up to 140
★ Very reasonable rates
★ Meal stops welcome

Please telephone Karen Smith FREE on 0800 591527 for full 'coaches welcome brochure'
(19942/CWL)

COACHES WELCOME

COACHES WELCOME

PERTHSHIRE

AWARDED BEST AA 2 STAR HOTEL IN PITLOCHRY

DUNDARACH HOTEL, PILTOCHRY

30 bedrooms en suite, totally refurbished, tea making facilities, telephones, colour TVs, centrally heated throughout, within walking distance of the Festival Theatre and town centre.

0796 2862

THE BIRNHAM HOTEL, DUNKELD

AA★★★ RAC★★★

30 bedrooms en suite (totally refurbished 1987), tea making telephones, colour TV, centrally heated throughout, lift to all floors, baronial dining/ballroom for 150.

03502 462

Coach lunches welcome at both hotels Our position makes us an ideal centre for a week's stay in the Perthshire Highlands.

SMAILE FAMILY HOTELS

where a warm welcome awaits you

(18113/HO)

NEWQUAY

NEWQUAY MINERVA HOTEL

Family run hotel only yards from beach and town.

TV all rooms, tea making facs, central heating. Most en-suite, 6 nights entertainment!

Licensed bar

BBEM from £85 per week

MINI BREAKS AVAILABLE EARLY/LATE

Tel. (0637) 873439

(20973/CWL)

BOURNEMOUTH

GLENDEVON HOTEL

Ideally situated on Bournemouth Westcliff and central to all amenities. 400 yards to beach, 5 min walk to town centre. Family run, 39 bedrooms (23 en suite), t/mkng fac, TVs in all rooms.

Large restaurant, lift, bar, ballroom en/t, TV lounge and games room.

Terms from £70 per week

For more information Nigel and Amelia Rilstone Glendevon Hotel, West Hill Road, Bournemouth. Tel. (0202) 290600

(19970/CWL)

PITLOCHRY

PITLOCHRY CENTRAL SCOTLAND

ROSEMOUNT HOTEL

3 Crowns Commended

Fully licensed 23 bedroomed hotel. Function room with dance floor. Superb views. Central heating, colour TV, tea and coffee. All rooms with private facilities, some on ground floor. High standard of decor. Good food. Warm hospitality and helpful staff. Packages and prices by negotiation.

For full details

tel. (0796) 2302

(15817/HO)

SCOTLAND

EXCELLENT VALUE IN SOUTH-WEST SCOTLAND

Less than ½ hour drive from the border and the main A74, our hotels offer an ideal stopover point.

STATION HOTEL
AA★★★ Dumfries RAC★★★
Tel. (0387) 54316
32 en suite bedrooms

QUEENSBERRY ARMS HOTEL
AA★★ Annan RAC★★
Tel. (046120) 2024
24 en suite bedrooms

Both hotels offer tea and coffee making facilities, colour TV, radio and telephone. ★ Full central heating. Accommodating one coach per night we guarantee you maximum attention

(20289/CWL)

NEWQUAY

NEWQUAY

PARADISE BEACH HOTEL
Watergate Bay, TR8 4AB

A family run hotel 200 yards from beach. Newquay approx 3½ miles. 21 en suite rooms with col. TV, tmkrs, hairdryer, telephone, CH, sauna, solarium, games room, lic bar, dance floor, laundry room, choice of menu, entertainment. **AVAILABILITY FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER** and **CHRISTMAS. ALSO** taking bookings for **1992.**

Contact: Ann Thomas on

(0637) 860273

(20164/CWL)

Hotel Corniche

21 Mount Wise, Newquay, Cornwall TR7 2BQ

Licensed hotel, 5 minutes from town, beaches and all amenities. 14 rooms all have colour TVs and tea making facilities, some en suite. Central heated, lounge bar and pool table. Excellent home cooking. Ample parking, children welcome. Early/late season.

SPECIAL RATES FOR GROUP BOOKINGS
PARTIES OVER 18 – DRIVER FREE

For Brochure (0637) 876618 (15821/HO)

NEWQUAY

Arundell Hotel, Mountwise, Cornwall

A friendly family run hotel, centrally situated with panoramic sea views, offering full English breakfast and varied menus. Under personal supervision of chef proprietor.
★ 36 rooms, all en suite with colour TV, radio, telephone, intercom, tea making facilities
★ Entertainment 6 nights a week in our large bar with dance floor ★ Full central heating, laundry and ironing facilities ★ Lift ★ Heated indoor pool ★ Sauna ★ Solarium ★ Spa pool.
ON SITE PARKING ● DRIVER STAYS FREE
NOW BOOKING FOR 1992

Contact: Audrey Milne on (0637) 872481 (19943/CWL)

DEVON

South Leigh Hotel

Ilfracombe, Devon

This family run hotel is close to all amenities and level with the sea front. All rooms en suite, tea and coffee making facilities in all rooms. Lift, entertainment and licence.

CHRISTMAS THEME WEEKENDS in DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR
NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 1992
Call us now to discuss your requirements.

Tel. 0271 863976

(20867/CWL)

TORQUAY

WHO SAID CHRISTMAS COMES JUST ONCE A YEAR?

Join us at the COUNTY HOTEL for our 5 day pre-Christmas Special including

FULL ENTERTAINMENT

and a visit from **FATHER CHRISTMAS**

With our licensed bar, lift, 28 bedrooms (en-suite available), tea making and telephones in all rooms, *Near Sea Front and Town Centre*

Availability for 2nd October 1991

TEL. 0803 294452 and speak to Ray or Marion

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 1992 (20974/CWL)

COACHES WELCOME

Coachmart CLASSIFIED MARKETPLACE

TELEPHONE 0733 898111 FAX 0733 62656

RATES
PRIVATE SALES (vehicles) – Contact Sally Wright. **Display:** £9 per single column centimetre – 3 or more insertions £8.10 per single column centimetre. **Lineage:** £1 per word (minimum 25 words) 3 or more consecutive insertions 90p per word. **Subscribers' Privilege Lineage Rate:** 50p per word (minimum 25 words) 3 or more consecutive insertions 45p per word.
TRADE SALES (vehicles) – Contact Sally Wright. PRODUCTS & SERVICES – Contact Steve Gibbons/Ruth Kitchen. **Display:** £9 per single column centimetre. Series discounts (for space taken within 12 months of first ad appearing) 7 insertions: 5%, 13 insertions: 10%, 26 insertions: 15%, 39 insertions: 17½%, 52 insertions: 20%.
APPOINTMENTS/TENDERS – Contact Ruth Kitchen/Steve Gibbons. **Display:** £12 per single column centimetre. 20% repeat discount.
COACHES WELCOME, MEALSTOPS, FEATURES – Contact Ruth Kitchen/Steve Gibbons. **Display:** £11 per single column centimetre. Series discounts available. Please phone for details.
Copy deadline: 1pm Tuesday for Thursday's issue. **Cancellation deadline:** 11am Tuesday.

BARGAIN BUSES

BARGAIN BUS
1978 BRISTOL LHS
35 seater coach, Plaxton Supreme, good condition, power door, MoT March '92.
£6,000 + VAT
Tel. (0329) 284005
(20963/BAR)

BARGAIN BUS
1972 PLAXTON LEOPARD ELITE 680S/A
53 seater, recon engine + box, p/p, long MoT, superb condition for year.
£4,950 + VAT
Tel. (0924) 400386
(20416/BB)

BARGAIN BUS
1978 (T) FORD PLAXTON SUPREME IV
53 seats, tinted windows, side lockers, taxed October 1991, tested May 1992.
£4,950 + VAT
Tel: 0709 895602
(20423/BB)

AEC

AEC RELIANCE 505 PLAXTON ELITE
26 seats, tables, toilet, bar. Must be cleanest Elite in the Country. Low mileage, new MoT.
Call Michael Bedwell, 0491 680354 for appointment to view.
£5,000 + VAT ono
(20980/AEC)

BEDFORD

1983 BEDFORD YNT 11m DUPLE DOMINANT III
53 seats, recon engine 8/90, full MoT, Telma, speed limiter, double glazed, stereo, radio cassette.
£14,000 + VAT
Tel. 021-359 8877 No P/X
(20960/BED)

C REG BEDFORD YMP
Turbo/Maxeta body, 35 seats, 9 standees plus pram pen. MoT Dec '91, Allison Auto.
£17,500 + VAT
This vehicle has been well maintained, in daily use and owned by us since new.
Please contact Hutchison's Coaches, Overtown, Wishaw. Tel. (0698) 372132
(20993/BE)

1978
BEDFORD SUPREME YLQ 500
45 seater coach, taxed and MoT'd July 1992. Well maintained.
£5,000 + VAT ono
Tel: 0207 560241
(20999/BE)

BEDFORD YMT 1979 DUPLE DOMINANT 2, 53 seater, choice of two, both tested until October, **£5,000 + VAT. Tel. (067182) 588.** (20919/BED)

WANTED BEDFORD/FORD, 53 seats, must have good interior and long MoT, vehicle must be suitable for contract work. **Tel. 0564 776706 or 0564 772278.** (21006/BE)

1981 YMT SUPREME, 53, radio/PA, tints, dec curtains, Bristol dome, engine o/haul 8,000 miles, clutch 24,000 miles, 12 months MoT, excellent condition, **£10,000 + VAT. King of the Road Coaches, Worthing. Tel. (0903) 34010/200245.** (20883/BE)

1983 BEDFORD YMT DOMINANT SERVICE BUS. 63 moquette seats/formica backed seats plus standees. Luggage area, destination gear. MoT March 1992. Excellent all round condition. **£22,500. Tel: BARFORDIAN COACHES 0234 870235.** (21017/BE)

BEDFORD

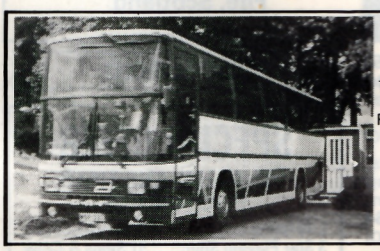
J REG BEDFORD PLAXTON EMBASSY, 20 seater, immaculate interior red and white, ideal for coach enthusiast, **no reasonable offer refused. Tel. (0706) 58999.** (20880/BE)

1982 YMT SUPREME, 53, radio/PA, tints, dec curtains, Bristol dome, engine o/haul 50,000 miles, clutch 37,000 miles, 12 months MoT, excellent condition, **£11,000 + VAT. King of the Road Coaches, Worthing. Tel. (0903) 34010/200245.** (20884/BE)

1975 BEDFORD YRQ. Very good example, Plaxton, 45 seats, long test, ready to work. Power door, radio/cassette. **£3,000 + VAT. Tel. 0279 793370/ 792644 Essex.** (20964/BE)

BEDFORD ELITE III, complete, non runner, will break, all parts available, screens, gearbox, diff etc, fair seats, vehicle in East London. **Enquiries tel. 081 592 4592 or (0860) 638039.** (20988/BE)

DAF



DAF SB 2300 TURBO INTERCOOLED JONCKHEERE P599 1984
Tested 1yr 51R + Courier. Carpet, curtains, radio, PA, TV, coffee machine, toilet, phone, etc. Recon engine, new clutch, brakes and more. Very good tyres, very good worker.
£38,850 + VAT –
Part Exchange Considered
0786 814319 0831 417025
(20940/DAF)

1985
DAF SB2300 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500
4 Star, MoT May 1992, white/blue, speed limiter fitted, very good condition.
£35,000 + VAT
Part exchange B58 or Leyland Plaxton (78/80)
Further details contact
COTSWOLD COURIER SERVICES
0242 233533
(20406/DAF)

BOVA EUROPA 1982, private plate, 52 recliners + crew seat, wired for TV and video, **£20,000 ono.** Possible p/x. **Tel. (0803) 664464.** (20923/DA)

DAF

DAF PLAXTON
COACHES AT GIVE AWAY PRICES
1982 X Supreme V GT, 53 recliners, a/door, curtains, s/locker, air suspension, new s/engine, MoT Nov..... **£16,500**
1982 X Supreme V GT, 53 recliners, a/door, curtains, s/locker, air suspension, MoT March..... **£15,500**
1986 D Paramount Low Driver, 55 E seats, a/door, curtains, Telma, rear engine, choice of 2, MoT August..... **£39,500**
1988 E Paramount 3500, 53 recliners, a/door, curtains, etc, air suspension, MB230, MoT March..... **£64,000**
All prices quoted are subject to VAT
BENNETTS COACHES GLOUCESTER
(0452) 527809
After Hours (0452) 503995
(20429/DA)

1982 DAF PLAXTON MB200
51 R, curtains, tinted windows, courier seat, good condition, MoT April '92.
£21,500 + VAT
Tel: 0279 435890
(20386/DAF)

DENNIS

MAYBURY'S OF LONDON LTD
1989 (F) DENNIS JAVELIN/DUPLE 320SL, 55 recliners, radio/PA/ cassette, curtains, excellent condition and maintained to the highest standards, MoT Jan 1992.
£48,750 + VAT
Contact: RICHARD MAYBURY
071 720 0143
(20998/DE)

DUPLE

1987

DUPLE 425

Cummins/ZF automatic, 46 recliners, 3 x TV monitors, wired for video (not supplied), toilet, galley with fridge, water boiler, sink and cupboards, rear continental door.

£45,000 + VAT ono

0202 537568 or 0929 554588

(21019/DU)

FORD

1979 FORD DOMI II, 8 Mtr, 33 semi-reclining seats, tinted windows, continental door, MoT March 1992, good condition. **£8,250 + VAT ono.**

1979 53 SEATER, FORD PLAXTON SUPREME, MoT January 1992, taxed, in daily use, good condition.

£6,500 + VAT ono

Tel: 0272 501722

(20966/FO)

LEYLAND

LEYLAND 245 TIGERS

Semi-autos, long MoTs.

1983, Y reg, DOMINANT IV, 53 seats.

1983, A reg, PLAXTON 3200, 44 recliners, toilet and servery.

1985 B reg PLAXTON 3200, 50 recliners.

1985 C reg PLAXTON 3500, low driver, 49 recliners and toilet.

1985 C reg PLAXTON 3500, low driver, 44 recliners, toilet and servery.

All in white. **Prices from £20,000 to £40,000 + VAT.**

DORSET TRAVEL SERVICES 0202 537568 or 0929 554588

(21020/LE)

FORD

1982 (X) FORD Dominant IV, 53 str, MoT June 92.....**£7,500**
1979 (T) FORD Plaxton Supreme, 53 str, MoT April 92.....**£4,500**
1979 (T) FORD Plaxton Supreme, 49 str, MoT May 92.....**£4,500**
1979 (T) FORD Plaxton Supreme, 53 str, MoT Nov 91.....**£4,500**
1978 (T) FORD Dominant II, 53 str, MoT Jan 92.....**£3,500**
1978 (S) FORD Plaxton Supreme, 53 str, MoT May 92.....**£4,000**
1977 (S) FORD Dominant, 53 str, MoT Feb 92.....**£2,500**
1977 (S) FORD Dominant, 53 str, MoT July 92.....**£2,000**
1976 (P) FORD Dominant, 53 str, MoT June 92.....**£1,750**
1976 (P) FORD Plaxton Supreme, 53 str, MoT Aug 91.....**£1,750**
1976 (P) FORD Plaxton Supreme, 53 str, MoT Dec 91.....**£1,750**
1975 (P) FORD Plaxton Elite, 53 str, MoT June 92.....**£1,750**
1975 (N) FORD Plaxton Elite, 53 str, MoT Dec 91.....**£1,500**

Plus VAT @ 17½%

Ideal for schools and contract

All vehicles in daily use and available immediately

Tel: 091 527 0535

(20595/FO)

FORD R1114 PLAXTON SUPREME GT, 1981, 53 recliners, Telma, curtains, soft trim, lockers, radio/PA, cassette, tinted, new test, very good condition. **Offers**

Telephone: 0333 26109. Fife, Scotland

(21018/FO)

FORD R1114 DUPLE DOMINANT 2, 53 seats, new MoT, ideal for schools etc, **£4,250 plus VAT** or exchange for Fleetline(s). **Tel. Alan on (0602) 789466.**

(20981/FO)

WANTED FORD/BEDFORD, 53 seats, must have good interior and long MoT, vehicle must be suitable for contract work. **Tel. 0564 776706 or 0564 772278.** (21007/FO)

1977 FORD R1114, 53 seater, 9 months MoT, **£3,500 + VAT. Tel. (0386) 45847.**

(21004/FO)

IVECO

1986 IVECO ELMA, 16 seater minicoach, brown, high back seats, yellow/orange/brown exterior, recon engine recently fitted, radio, MoT 8/5/92, **£7,500 + VAT. SMITHS of BUNTINGFORD (0763) 71516.** (21005/IV)

LEYLAND

1971 680 LEOPARD PLAXTON ELITE MK IV. Supreme front, 49 re-trimmed seats, power door, recon gearbox, tested 12 months, exceptional condition throughout. **£3,250 + VAT. Tel. 0282 30549 (Burnley). Mobile 0836 220781.** (20400/LE)

LEYLAND

SPECIAL OFFER

1990 (G) LEYLAND TIGER, PLAXTON 3500

L 10 Rated Engine — 12 metre Chassis
3 Star Plaxton Spec — 51 Seats & Crew

Specifications Include

Telma, air suspension, microphones, bed compartment, double glazed, moquette trim.

Choice of six vehicles in as new condition.

Offered at a considerable saving on new price. For sale on behalf of clients.

Contact: Phennicus Ltd., Buckworth Road, Alconbury Weston, Huntingdon.

Tel: 0480 891642 days, 0733 265251 evenings. Fax: 0480 890488.

(20994/LE)

1983 TIGER PARA 3500, 55 fixed, engine o/haul 88,000 miles, clutch 60,000 miles, 12 months MoT, **£30,000 + VAT. King of the Road Coaches, Worthing. Tel. (0903) 34010/200245.** (20886/LE)

1985 B REG LEYLAND TIGER 245

With high deck Duple Caribbean body. 51/53 reclining seats, demountable toilet, continental entrance, ZF gearbox, immaculate condition. Choice of 4. All will be sold with MoT valid till Dec 1991.

£38,000 + VAT

Contact Mr A R Jones or Mr G Hudston

W Robinson & Sons (Tours) Ltd, Park Garages, Gt Harwood, Blackburn BB6 7SP Tel. (0254) 889900

(21009/LE)

1983 LEYLAND TIGER

Duple Laser, 49 recliners, demountable toilet, MoT Jan '92.

£19,750 + VAT

Les Bywater & Sons (Rochdale)

Tel. 0706 48573

(20991/LE)

1981 PLAXTON SUPREME GT, LEYLAND LEOPARD, 53 seats, tinted windows, Telma, new engine 4/91. MoT 7/92.

£16,000 + VAT ono

Tel: 0603 870922 (Norwich) 0362 84377 (evenings)

(20432/LE)

LEYLAND LEOPARDS from 1972-82, semi autos, various bodies, from **£3,950 + VAT.** All in current use. **LEYLAND NATIONALS,** 1974-78, all in current use, from **£3,950 + VAT.** For full details **call Jim on 0827 898111.**

(20484/LE)

TIGER 245 Plaxton 3500, ZF box, full exec spec, **£32,500 + VAT. Tel. 061-777 9021.** (20398/LE)

1979-80 LEOPARDS. Choice of 3 various specs, **£10,500 each + VAT. Tel. 061 777 9021.** (21012/LE)

1983 TIGER PARA 3500, 53 rec, new engine 76,000 miles, clutch 35,000 miles, 12 months MoT, **£30,000 + VAT. King of the Road Coaches, Worthing. Tel. (0903) 34010/200245.**

(20885/LE)

1984 TIGER PARA 3500, 53 rec, new engine approx 100,000 miles, clutch 6,000 miles, 12 months MoT, **£32,500 + VAT. King of the Road Coaches, Worthing. Tel. (0903) 34010/200245.**

(20888/LE)

1984 TIGER CARIBBEAN, 55 rec, tints, blinds, new engine 81,000 miles, clutch 8,000 miles, diff 6,000 miles, 12 months MoT, **£30,000 + VAT. King of the Road Coaches, Worthing. Tel. (0903) 34010/200245.** (20887/LE)

LAG

LAG PANORAMIC

D Reg, 49 reclining seats and sunken toilet, interior virtually immaculate, all the usual Panoramic extras. This vehicle was acquired in the takeover of a second company, we are basically stage and contract orientated therefore this vehicle is too high spec for our work. Sensible offers around

£42,000

Tel. (0860) 371882

(20404/LAG)

MCW

1987 (MAY)

MCW METRORIDER

25 coach seats, Cummins 6B, ZF 5-speed, 1 owner.

£19,500 + VAT

ROBINSON, KIMBOLTON

0480 860581

(21027/MCW)

MERCEDES

MERCEDES 407D

1988, MoT May '92, new engine and clutch fitted 2/8/91, first class condition.

£10,750 ono + VAT

Tel. 031 339 6339 (Edinburgh)

(20896/ME)

MERCEDES

ONE ONLY

15/16 seat, full luxury, PSV, 410 diesel, pas, all extras included, special offer! To be exhibited at NEC **BCC Coaching Symposium** in **October in your livery.**

Tel. 0392 211611

and put your name on it!

(20992/ME)

1981 508D ROBIN HOOD
Conversion, 19 seats, **£5,000 + VAT**
1988 811D ROBIN HOOD
Coachbuilt, 19 seats + courier seat, very spacious, large boot, many extras, **£19,500 + VAT**
Both vehicles owned by us since new
EASSONS COACHES, SOUTHAMPTON
(0703) 448153 or 434447
(21015/ME)

1986 608D
25 seater, D reg Mercedes.
1988 507D
20 seater, E reg, 2 tables.
Both in very clean condition and priced to sell.
£11,500 + VAT each or £20,000 + VAT the pair
Tel: 0827 310770
(21001/ME)

1989 G REG MERCEDES 811D. Reeve Burgess, Beaver body, 33 seats, good condition, power door, MoT July 1992. **Choice of two. Tel. 0698 793506/ 792800.** (20965/ME)

SCANIA

SCANIA K112 Plaxton 3500 2 star. 55 recliners d/glazed, pull draw curtains, continental door, Telma, low miles. £65,000 + VAT. BROWNS COACHES – PONTEFRACT 0977 647454. (20420/SC)

1983 SCANIA JONCKHEERE

51 recliners, toilet, fridge, double glazing, new TV, video and stereo, new engine still under warranty, immaculate condition.

£32,000 + VAT

Tel. (0978) 752062

(20401/SC)

VOLVO

1987 B10M PLAXTON 3500

49/53 recliners, plus courier seat, wired for TV/video, centre sunken demountable toilet, PA/radio/cassette.

£60,500 + VAT

Tel: 0294 605454

(20982/VO)

VOLVO

D REG VOLVO B10M GL

6 speed ZF auto Dominant service bus, 53 seats, 23 standees plus pram pen. New MoT. Choice of three.

£57,000 + VAT

All these vehicles are owned from new, are well maintained and in daily use.

Please contact Hutchison's coaches, Overtown, Wishaw. Tel. (0698) 372132

(21003/VO)

VOLVO B10M IKARUS BLUE DANUBE 1988 (E REG)

6 speed ZF, Pannier lockers, power door, centre continental door, driver's bunk, toilet, d/glazed, wired for TV/video, radio/PA/cass, 49 recliners + courier, choice of 2. Must sell due to new arrivals, hence

£58,500 each + VAT

Tel. (0993) 771445, (0993) 844377 after hours (20890/VO)

VOLVO

1982 Volvo B58 Plaxton 12m, d/glazed, 53 seats, s/auto, radio/PA, power door, retrim and refloored, long MoT. **£24,950**
1981 Volvo B58 Plaxton 12m, 57 seats, test Dec '91, 6sp ZF, radio PA, power door, white. **£17,950**
1980 Volvo B58 Plaxton 12m, 57 retrimmed seats, semi-auto, radio PA, power door, white. **£15,950**
1978 Volvo B58 Plaxton 12m, 53 retrimmed seats, new floor, re-panelled & painted, recon engine, 6 sp ZF, test Sept 91, very tidy, only 2 previous owners. **£11,950**
1980 Volvo B58 Unicar, 53 retrimmed seats, power door, test Jan '92, bargain at **£7,950**
1978 Volvo B58 Caetano, 53 seats, power door, 6 sp ZF, test July '91. **£6,950**
1976 Volvo B58 Plaxton, 53 retrimmed seats, express doors, semi auto, test nov '91. **£6,950**
1975 & 76 Volvo Alfsa deckers, choice of six, single and double doors, all tidy with long tests, from **£3,500**

All prices plus VAT

Please telephone, vehicles in daily use.

Nottingham (0602) 784645

Skills (20987/VO)

1979 VOLVO B58 PLAXTON VIEWMASTER

48 recliners plus courier seat, toilet, TV/video, servery/coffee machine/fridge, PA/radio/cassette. MoT February 1992. 6 months tax. Good condition throughout.

£18,250 ono

Tel: 081 575 3762 ask for Bill
081 578 8531 ask for Mitch

(21014/VO)

B58 IRIZAR BODY 1980, private plate, 50 recliners, driver's bunk, **£15,000 ono.** Possible p/x. **Tel. (0803) 664464.** (20924/VO)

1989 VOLVO B10MT (Tri-axle), 340hp, EGS gearbox, Sutrak air conditioning, full executive, 170,000km from new, **£89,500 ono. Tel. (0706) 60066.** (21011/VO)

SETRA

KÄSSBOHRER

THE HEAT IS ON

Sick of gloomy forecasts? There's a way you can turn up the heat. Go get a Kässbohrer Setra – it costs less than you think. Just look at the list below . . .

Year	Model	Seats
1988	Leyland Tiger 290 Jonc, TV/Video, WC, Air Con.	48
1988	DAF 2300/Duple 340, WC, TV/Video, Radio/PA	53
1988	Duple 425, Db/Glaz, Telma, Econocruise, WC, Kitchen	53
1988	Bedford/Duple, Radio/PA	57
1987	DAF/Caetano 11.6, Radio/PA	53
1985	Neoplan/Skyliner, TV/Video, WC, Kitchen	77
Setras		
1989	S 215 HRI (Rational), WC/Kitchen, Retarder, ABS, Many extras (warranty)	49/53
1989	S 210 H (Real), WC/Kitchen, Retarder, ABS Many extras	28
1988	S 215 HRI (Rational), WC/Kitchen, Retarder, ABS	49/53
1983	S 215 HD (Optimal), WC/Kitchen, Driver's bunk TV/Video, Retarder, Many extras (warranty)	49
1983	S 215 H (Optimal), WC/Kitchen, TV/Video Retarder, Many extras (warranty)	49

We have a limited number of new vehicles in stock too!

***Please note:* Year of registration does not necessarily denote year of manufacture.**

Harry Kell 0932 843685 (Southern Area Manager)

Andy Timms 0625 877658 (Northern Area Manager)

☎ 0522 500115

Kässbohrer

Setra. Perfection in coaches.

Kässbohrer (UK) Limited, Sadler Road, Doddington Road Industrial Estate, Lincoln, LN6 3RS. Telefax: 0522 500118

VOLVO

IRIZAR PARTS & SERVICE

1 ACCIDENT REPAIRS
2 INSURANCE ESTIMATES
3 PAINTING
4 MECHANICAL REPAIRS
5 MoT CHECKS & PREPARATION

VOLVO COACHES and MERCEDES MINIBUSES purchased for cash

P/X TAKEN

VOLVO COACHES & MERCEDES MINI BUSES ALWAYS IN STOCK

VOLVO K19 G/BOXES and CASINGS AVAILABLE

COACH AND MINIBUS RENTAL
25p per km or £220 per week (Scotland only)

TRAMONTANA C.D. LTD
CHAPELKNOWE ROAD, CARFIN, MOTHERWELL
TEL: 0698 53845/861790
(20035/VO)

MINIBUSES

Carlyle BUS CENTRE

★ SELECTED NEW & USED MINIBUSES ★

★ WIDE CHOICE ★ HIGH QUALITY ★ KEENEST PRICES ★ FLEXIBLE FINANCE ★

FULL STAGE SPECIFICATION CARLYLE BODIED MINIBUSES WITH CURRENT PSV

1985/6 'C' TRANSIT, 16 seat, from **£4,750**
1986/7 'D' SHERPA, 16 seat, from **£4,250**
1987 'D' SHERPA, 20 seat, from **£5,950**
1989 'G' SHERPA MK II, 20 seat, from **£15,950**
49/10 IVECO. 21 seats plus 3 standees.
1987 'D' PSV. January 92 **£7,950**

★ HIRE PURCHASE ★ LEASING ★ CONTRACT HIRE ★ PERSONAL LOAN FINANCE ★
CONTACT ANDY GREENWAY FOR FULL DETAILS AND THIS WEEKS STOCK LIST
All prices are subject to VAT. The year quoted is the year of initial registration. Offers are subject to availability. Carlyle Bus Centre is a Licenced Credit Broker. Finance is subject to status.

021-454-4808
Carlyle Bus Centre Limited, Waterworks Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9DB.
Fax: 021-454 5356.
(15965/MB)

E REG
16 SEAT FREIGHT ROVER DIESEL
High back seats, saloon heater, full soft trim, tested February 1992, taxed March 1992, ready for work.
£5,950 + VAT
Tel: 0350 312325 (Scotland)
(20959/MB)

1988
RENAULT MASTER EXECUTIVE MINIBUS
13 seats plus courier seat, air door, coffee machine, TV, underfloor luggage.
£12,500 + VAT
Tel: 0223 870220
(20979/MB)

2 x MERCEDES 507D
16 seater minibuses, 1987, black, tinted windows, TV & video, fully carpeted, one owner, fully refurbished June 1991.
£13,500 each + VAT
Tel. 081 994 8969
(20904/MB)

MINIBUSES

1988 (F) FORD TRANSIT. Diesel, 14 seat, PSV, soft trim, roof vent, saloon heater, Coachcraft conversion ..... **£6,950 + VAT**

1989 (G) FORD TRANSIT. Diesel, 14 seat, PSV, soft trim, roof vent, saloon heater, Deansgate conversion ..... **£9,750 + VAT**

1989 (F) MERCEDES 609D, Coachcraft, 21 seat luxury conversion, deep boot, skirts, saloon heater, luggage racks..... **£18,500 + VAT**

BROWNS COACHES
Pontefract
(0977) 647454
(20419/MB)

MERCEDES BENZ 12 SEATER LUXURY PSV MINIBUS
One only ex-demonstrator now for sale.
This quality bus was built for a prestigious show and is unregistered, ready for the road.
Finished in white this 308D has many refinements including new specification seat legs, lights, vents etc.
Current retail price is £21,956 but is offered at **£16,985** plus road fund licence and cost of PSV certificate
Telephone for details
(0782) 281 365 office hours
(21021/MB)

C REG SHERPA, 16 seater, tacho, twin wheel, low mileage, PSV spec, excellent condition. **£3,200 no VAT. Tel. 0920 822252.** (20997/MB)

C REG Transit PSV, 14 seater, SLD, petrol, taxed, tested November 1991, **£3,800 + VAT. Part exchange considered. Also 2 x Ratcliffe tail lift. Offers. Tel. 061 620 8008.** (21010/MB)

1989 (F) FREIGHT ROVER COMBI PSV, 12 seater, tested to 21/3/92, Perkins DI Diesel, very economical, excellent condition, sale due to end of contract, **£4,750 + VAT ono. Tel. (0437) 890230 or (0437) 78575 (after 7).** (20427/MB)

1986 RENAULT MAXIBUS. 19 seater, diesel, white, MoT, fitted roof rack. **£6,500 ono. Tel. Victoria Motors, 0272 276909.** (20955/MB)

FREIGHT ROVER, 16 seats, MoT 11/91, defective engine and gearbox, tyres included, only **£1,400 + VAT. Tel. PMT (0782) 744744.** (20984/MB)

MERCEDES 207, Y reg, 12 moquette seats, very good condition. **£3,500 + VAT. Tel. 0248 722694.** (21023/MB)

NORTH WEST COACH SALES LTD
Deal direct with the manufacturers, the quality PSV and Welfare converters

Mercedes 609D, 19 seat coach from **£27,645**
Mercedes 609D, 24 seat coach from **£28,045**
Mercedes 609D, 26 seat coach from **£28,245**
Mercedes 609D, 24 seat + standees, service bus from **£30,100**
Mercedes 410D, 15/16 seat minibus from **£22,050**
Mercedes 814D, Midi executive coach to – various specifications **POA**

1988 E reg Freight Rover 300, 16 seat minibus
Prices do not include VAT
Finance arranged subject to status
Conversions on Renault, Ford, Talbot Express and Freight Rover vehicles
PHONE NOW ON
051-933-1016, after hours 0925 68002
(20492/MB)

MINIBUSES

M-2-M

SPECIAL OFFER

TALBOT EXPRESS SWB. 1.9 litre Peugeot diesel, 12 low back maroon and grey seats set on tracking, soft trim interior, hardwearing armourflex floor covering, air intake/extract unit with aerodynamic cowl, dim/bright interior lights, radio/cassette, bronze tinted windows. The ideal contract vehicle.....WAS £10,000.....**NOW £9,000**

EX STOCK

LEYLAND DAF 400 SERIES. Diesel, 16 high back Capri seats on racking, stereo radio/cassette, quad vent, saloon heater, air intake/extract unit, luggage racks with driver's locker, dropped passenger entrance step, decorative curtains, tinted windows **£16,900**

MERCEDES BENZ 609D. Power steering, coach back end, off-side emergency exit, 24 high back Capri seats in red/grey set on tracking, large dropwell boot, full length luggage racks with driver's locker, lift up roof vent, raised floor – no wheelarches, air intake/extract unit, saloon heater, Blaupunkt stereo, radio/cassette, dim/bright interior light, moulded side skirts, decorative curtains, bronze tinted windows, wheel trims.....**£27,000**

IN BUILD

MERCEDES BENZ 609D. Power steering, coach back end, off side emergency exit. 26 high back Capri seats in red/grey set on tracking, full length luggage racks with driver's locker, lift up roof vent, air intake/extract unit, saloon heater, Blaupunkt stereo radio/cassette, dim/bright interior lights, moulded side-skirt, decorative curtains, bronze tinted windows, wheel trims – 2 weeks.....**£26,500**

MERCEDES BENZ 410D. 5 cylinder engine, power steering, 16 high back moquette seats all forward facing, luggage racks, lift up roof vent, air intake/extract unit, saloon heater, Blaupunkt stereo radio/cassette, dim/bright interior lights, tinted windows, decorative curtains, 2 weeks.....**£21,000**

(21024/MB)

ALL PRICES INCLUDE CIF & 12 MONTHS ROAD TAX
FINANCE ARRANGED
TEL. 061 494 6117

WESTERN COMMERCIAL

NEW STOCK

811 TURBO MERCEDES. PMT AMI front or Mercedes front, 33 seat, wide body, coachbuilt with power glider door, large boot, full width coach seats, high spec + standees. Stock.

811 TURBO MERCEDES. PMT, 27 seats, wide body, full width coach seats, as above.

709 MERCEDES. PMT. 25 full width coach seats, power door glider, large boot + standees. Stock.

709 MERCEDES ALEXANDER, 25 seats, bus spec, electric door, standees or dual pupose seats available, stock.

410D MERCEDES, 16 seat, full luxury, stock.

308 MERCEDES, 12 seat, luxury.

USED

1989 MERCEDES 814, 26 seats, full luxury, electric door, huge boot.

1989 MERCEDES 408, 15 seats, luxury.

1986 CAETANO, 19 seater.

1986 MERCEDES, 21 seats, new MoT.

1984 MERCEDES, 21 seater.

1982 MERCEDES, 19 seats. New MoT.

STAGE CARRIAGE DUAL PURPOSE

1988 811 MERCEDES ALEXANDER, 33 seats, electric door plus standees.

1988 709D MERCEDES ALEXANDER, 25 seats, electric door, + standees.

1986 FORD TRANSIT, 16 + standees, electric door.

1987 FORD TRANSIT, 16 seater, electric door.

(17834/MB)

BRIDGE STREET, NEWBRIDGE, NR EDINBURGH
CONTACT JOHN LEITCH ON 031-333 2001
OR EVENINGS 0357 21888
ALSO GORDON SHEARER ON 0466 792077 EVENINGS

UNCLASSIFIED

FINANCE HOUSE REPOSSESSIONS

1982 DAF SB Smit
49 seater Exec

1980 VOLVO B58 Plaxton
Supreme IV, 50 seats + toilet

1989 DAF SB3000
Algarve 49 Exec

1987 DAF SB Algarve
49 seat Exec

Both vehicles are in excellent condition and have new MoTs

Tel. (0332) 290620 (20636/UN)

A SELECTION OF THIS FIRST CLASS FLEET IS AVAILABLE

VOLVO B10M Lazer, 57 seater, 1984.....**£30,000**
TALBOT EXPRESS, M2M, 14 seater, 1989.....**£8,000**
FREIGHT ROVER, Combi, 12 seater, 1989.....**£5,000**
KASSBOHRER SETRA, 215H, 1982, 49 seater, with all usual extras.....**£45,000**

All vehicles with long MoT.
Any vehicle in your livery at a nominal charge.

Turners, Bristol. Tel. (0272) 559086
(20370/UN)

DUE TO FLEET UPDATE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE NOW OFFERED FOR SALE:

2 x IVECO, 49-10 Carlyle, 25 seats, MoT 12/91, 4/92, 1989. **£16,000**

2 x IVECO, 49-10 Robin Hood, 21 seats, MoT expired, 1985. **£4,500**

1 x IVECO, 49-10 Robin Hood, 21 seats, MoT 12/91, 1986. **£6,500**

1 x FREIGHT ROVER, Carlyle, 18 seats, MoT 10/91, 1986. **£4,500**

2 x LEYLAND LEOPARD, Duple, 50 seats, MoT 3/92, 4/92, 1979. **£9,500** retrimmed.

1 x LEYLAND LEOPARD Plaxton, 50 seats, MoT applied, 1981. **£11,000**

All subject to VAT

FTA INSPECTED

BLUEBIRD BUS & COACH MANCHESTER
Telephone: 061 681 7511
(20878/UN)

NEOPLAN SKYLINER, 77 seater, Mercedes V10, MoT July '92, new tyres, complete brakes reline, 4 TVs, video, radio cassette, PA, toilet, boiler, large fridge.....**£39,950**

1985 JONCKHEERE P599, DAF SB2300, 51 recliners + courier, video, 2 TVs, Blaupunkt radio cassette, PA, toilet, bunk, blinds, coffee machine, MoT Aug '92 **£39,950**

1985 BOVA FUTURA, 49 recliners + courier, 2 TVs, video, water boiler, toilet, Webasto, MoT October 1991, private plate.....**£32,950**

1984 BOVA FUTURA, 49 recliners plus courier, 2 16in TVs, video, toilet, Webasto, water boiler, fridge, curtains, carpets, new windscreen, driver's bunk, MoT June 1992.....**£34,950**

Hursts of Wigan
(0942) 47703
(20996/UN)

Alan Wilson

(PSV) Limited

Station Road, Ratby, Leicester LE6 0JR

Just look at this week's choice selection and give us a call. All our coaches are available immediately from stock we believe at prices YOU WILL NOT BEAT!!!!! Don't delay give us a call NOW.

WILSON'S PICK THIS WEEK

Ford Transit. 16 seater, 160 LWB diesel, full PSV Conversion. New and unregistered. A very big saving.

1989 'F' Dennis Javelin Duple 320. 57 seater, mint.

1988 'F' Dennis Javelin Plaxton Para 3200. 57 seater, same stable as above and absolutely immaculate.

1988 'E' Neoplan Skyliner. 75 seater, superb condition, choice of six. ready to go.

1987 'PP' Van Hool Astromega. 73 seater, ex major football club coach. Outstanding condition and a very special price.

1986 'C' Neoplan/Plaxton 4000RS. 71 seater, new MoT. An absolute drive away BARGAIN. If you are slightly interested do come and see for yourself and you will not be disappointed – especially the price!

1986 'D' DAF MB230 Plaxton 3500. 51 seater and toilet, new MoT.

1986 'C' DAF SB3000 Plaxton 3500. 51 seater, low driver, toilet, etc. A very special coach.

1985 'B' DAF MB230 Duple Caribbean II. 49 seater and toilet.

1984 'B' Leyland Tiger 245 Duple Laser II. 57 seater, one owner from new and in immaculate condition.

1984 'A' Volvo B10M Van Hool Astral. 57 seater with lots of extras.

1983 'Y' Bova Europa. 49 seater and centre sunken toilet, new MoT.

1982 'X' Volvo B10M Van Hool Alizee. 48 seater and centre sunken toilet. Outstanding for the year. Very long MoT.

1982 'X' DAF MB200 Plaxton Elite. 57 seater, long MoT.

BARGAINS FOR SCHOOLS AND WORKS UNDER £10,000

1983 'Y' Mercedes 307D. 12 seater Minibus, good MoT.

1982 'X' Mercedes 508D. 21 seater Reeves Burgess.

1979 'T' Bedford YMT Plaxton. 53 seater, choice of 2.

1978 'S' Ford A Series Faro III. 26 seater, new MoT.

1978 'PP' Leyland Leopard Duple Dominant. 51/53 seater.

1977 'PP' VOLVO B58 CAETANO. 53 seater, long MoT.

1976 'P' AEC 760 Plaxton. 53 seater, new MoT.

IF YOU DON'T SEE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR GIVE US A CALL TODAY

Tel: (0533) 387741

Fax (0533) 387128

WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO FIND WHAT YOU NEED

(21002/UN)

REGAL

COACH SALES LTD.

1990 (G) VOLVO B10M DUPLE 340, 53 seats, centre continental door, toilet, TV, video, long MoT.

1989 (F) VOLVO 10M 3500 PARAMOUNT, 53 seats, rear continental door, toilet, long MoTs, choice of two.

1988 (F) MERCEDES 609D, Minicoach, 26 seats, power door, Scotts luxury conversion, power door, MoT Dec '91.

1986 (D) CAETANO IVECO, 24 seats bus, manual, Telma retarder, choice of 2. Two new MoTs.

1986 (C) FORD TRANSIT, 16 seater, luxury mini coach, MoT March 1992.

1986 (C) FORD TRANSIT, 16 seater mini coach, power door, MoT March 1992.

1985 (B) LEYLAND TIGER CUB DUPLE DOMINANT, 27 coach seats, Allison auto, luggage pen, power door, choice of two, new MoTs.

1984 DAF JONCKHEERE, 49 seats, toilet, TV, video, MoT March 1992.

1983 DAF JONCKHEERE, 49 se[SOLD], video, MoT March 1992.

1984 PRIVATE PLATE DAF SBR 2300 JONCKHEERE, 3 axle, 71 seats, toilet, TV, video, MoT May 1991.

1983 (Y) LEYLAND TIGER 245 P[SOLD]mount 3200, 52 seats, semi auto, express doors, tinted windows, [SOLD]wo, MoT April '92.

1983 (Y) VOLVO B10M DUPLE DOMINANT IV. 12 mtr, 53 seats, radio, PA, new MoT.

1981 (W) BOVA EUROPA, 53 seats, courier seat, radio/PA, MoT Dec '91.

1978 (T) LEYLAND NATIONAL. 49 seats, 22 standees, choice of 2. Long MoTs.

OLD MILL PARK, KIRKINTILLOCH, GLASGOW G66 1SP
Day Telephone: 041-776 3268
Fax 041-777 8138 Evenings 041-775 1884

(20455/UN)

Y REG FORD Dominant IV, Telm[SOLD]ouble glazed **£9,500**

N REG FORD D[SOLD]5, MoT, £1,000 spent..... **£1,500**

C REG BEDFORD 12 seater, diesel, new MoT..... **£4,000**

E REG MERCEDES, 12 seater, diesel, new MoT **£8,000**

AEC REGENT V, last AEC decker to enter service, taxed, class 5, MoT ..... **Offers**

C REG 1986 DAF Galaxy, full spec, taxed and tested..... **£38,500**

Will take heavyweight standard 53 seater in exchange

Tel. (0443) 439932/433714

(20995/UN)

ERRINGTONS

NEW TOYOTA OPTIMO II GL, 21 seats + courier and table, white with red stripe interior, available now.

NEW TOYOTA OPTIMO II GL, as above, with 18 reclining seats, immediate delivery.

1989 TOYOTA OPTIMO GL, 18 reclining seats, large boot, all white.

1989 RENAULT MASTER Diesel, **COACHCRAFT,** 15 coach seats, underfloor luggage, coach back end, full soft trim interior, radio PA, MoT April 1992, immaculate condition. **£12,500.**

1987 (E) MERCEDES 609D (New Shape) Whittaker, 19 seater. **£15,850.**

1985 (C) MERCEDES 608D PMT/Ensor, 21 Vogel seats, coach back end, new MoT, very clean, one owner. **£12,500**

1984 BEDFORD YNT 500 TURBO, 6 speed ZF Duple Laser (53), power door, radio & PA, speed limiter, very clean, MoT April '92. **£22,500.**

1980 (W) BEDFORD CF DIESEL PLAXTON MINI SUPREME, 17 seater, MoT 9/91. **£2,950.**

1979 FORD R1114 DUPLE DOMINANT II, 53 new seats, MoT June 1992, all white. **£5,950**

1985 BEDFORD TL, 24 ton tractor unit, 500 turbo engine as YNT/YNV. **£1,700**

Evington, Leicester LE5 6DQ. Tel. (0533) 730421 (20609/UN)

WOMBWELL DIESELS COMPANY LTD.

PASSENGER VEHICLE SALES

DOUBLE DECKERS SINGLE DECKERS PRICE FROM £2,000

DOUBLE DECKERS

1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance. Test expired.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance, new test.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance. New test.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance. Test expired.
1976 BRISTOL VRT SL3, Gardner 180 engine, ECW body, 74 seats, long test.

CHEAP DOUBLE DECKERS

3 X 1972 LEYLAND ATLANTEANS, 78 seats, Alexander bodies. Tests expired.
2 X 1977 BRISTOL VRT SL3, Gardner 180 engines, Northern Counties bodies, 74 seats. Tests expired.

COACHES

1979 LEYLAND LEOPARD, Plaxton Supreme body, 53 seats, newly painted in white.
1977 LEYLAND LEOPARD, Plaxton Supreme body, 53 seats. Test 18-10-91. **£6,750.**
1979 BEDFORD YMT, Plaxton Supreme 4 body, 53 new retrimmed seats. Repainted.
3 X 1986 MCW METROLINERS. Executive spec, Cummins L10 engines and servery (single deck coaches). **£30,000.** Long tests.
2 X 1985 MCW METROLINERS. Cummins L10 engine with toilet, single deck coaches, newly painted. Long tests.
1984 MCW METROLINER. Cummins L10 engine, 51 recl seats, single deck coach, newly painted. Long test.
1984 MCW HIGHLINER SOLD ins L10 engine, 69 reclining seats, test December 9[illegible].
1984 ROYAL TIGER DOYEN, long test, very good condition, semi-auto.

COLLECTOR'S ITEMS

LEYLAND E39 engine and gearbox.
BRISTOL AVW engine and box.
1965 ROUTEMASTER, 64 seats.
1963 ROUTEMASTER, 64 seats. Test expired.
RT and ROUTEMASTER spares.

1976 VOLVO AILSA SOLD Alexander body, power steering, single entr[illegible].
1976 VOLVO AILSA, SOLD Alexander body, power steering, single entra[illegible].
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance.
1976 VOLVO AILSA, 79 seats, Alexander body, power steering, single entrance.
1975 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN, Northern Counties body, 75 seats, power steering. Test expired.
1975 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN, Northern Counties body, 75 seats, power steering. Test expired.
1975 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN, Northern Counties body, 75 seats, power steering.
1976 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN, Northern Counties body, 75 seats, power steering. Test expired.
1976 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN, ECW body, 74 seats, power steering. Test expired.

SINGLE DECKERS

PRICES FROM £3,000.
1976 10.3M LEYLAND NATIONAL. 41 seats.
1978 11.3M LEYLAND NATIONAL. 49 seats.
1973 11.3M LEYLSOLD**TIONAL.** Long test. 49 seats.
1979 11.3M LEYLAND NATIONAL, 49 seats.

1980 LEYLAND [illegible]SOLD**IAL MK II. Leyland 680 e[illegible]. January '92.**

2 RECONDITIONED LEYLAND 510 TURBO ENGINES, BRISTOL VR APPLICATION

SELF DRIVE, DOUBLE DECK VOLVOS AND SINGLE DECK SERVICES BUSES FOR HIRE

TEST DATES NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ABOVE VEHICLES.

Any vehicle purchased can be painted in the colour of your choice.

We are now offering full maintenance facilities including rolling road, MoT preparation work and tests. Monthly inspections, PSVs or commercials plus coach and commercial recovery nationwide. Call now for lowest rates.

WANTED

Buses and coaches, scrap or re-usable. Best prices paid. Cash on collection.

BREAKING

Large selection spares including: **Bristol VRT, Bristol RE, Volvo Ailsas, Leyland National, Leyland Atlantean, Leyland Leopards, Daimler Fleetline, AEC Reliance, AEC Regent, Routemaster and some RT spares.**
Supreme III spares and including glass. Leyland National engines, gearboxes and rear axles now available.

TELEPHONE 0226 752086

Evenings 0977 642443 (Chris),

0226 284187 (Paul) or Mobile 0836 363223 Fax. 0226 340500

Wombwell Diesels Company Ltd, Station Villa, Park Hill Road, Wombwell, Nr Barnsley

(13734/UN)

BLYTHSWOOD MOTORS LTD

1175 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW

All Mercedes 2 years warranty or 200,000 kilometres

NEW MERCEDES 709D, coachbuilt, 29 + 10 Dip Tac standees, power service door, stock.

NEW MERCEDES 814D turbo, 33 c/seats, armrests, boot, full spec, power door. Stock.

NEW MERCEDES 811D, Coach Built 33 service, wide ent, p/door, 12 standees, 3 weeks.

NEW MERCEDES 609D, power door, 24 c/seats, or 26 man/door. Stock.

NEW IVECO COACHBUILT, 49-10 service bus, 25 + 5 standees, wide passage and entrance, easy clean interior, coach seats, early.

NEW TALBOT TRI AXLE, 22 + 7 standees, PSV, power door, service, moquette seats. Dip tack. stock.

NEW MERCEDES 814D, coach built, 33 luxury, power swivel door, large boot, stock.
NEW MERCEDES 709, manual, 29 + 10 standees, stock.
NEW MERCEDES 609D, 24 seats, large boot, stock.
NEW MERCEDES 609D, 24 c/seats, p/door, stock.
NEW TRANSIT 20, power door, power steering, air suspension, + 4 standees. Turbo. Early.
NEW TRANSIT 16, Diesel, power door, coach or service seats, 3 weeks.
NEW TRANSIT 16 Turbo, ELB, power door, 2 weeks.
NEW TRANSIT 16, Hi-roof, diesel, coach seats. Stock.
NEW TRANSIT 16, diesel, 5-speed, s/door. Stock.
NEW TRANSIT, 15 seats, 5-speed, diesel & petrol, stock.
NEW TRANSIT 15, diesel, automatic, early.
NEW TRANSIT 16, diesel, sliding door, coach seats, high roof, coachbuilt, stock.
NEW TRANSIT 20, power door, plus 4 standees, diesel, 5-speed, choice coach or service seats. Early.
NEW DAF 400, 16 coach spec, u/floor taillift fitted and certified PSV, 7 days.
NEW DAF 400, diesel, 16 PSV, hi spec, stock.
NEW TALBOT 14, wheelchair ramp, diesel, 14 days.
NEW TALBOT High roof, 14, luxury, stock.
NEW TALBOT 12+ driver, diesel PSV, stock.
NEW MERCEDES 709D, 27 + uf w/chair lift, 2 weeks.
NEW MERCEDES 410, 16 seats, luxury, stock.
NEW MERCEDES 408 Luxury, 16, stock.
NEW MERCEDES 308, Luxury, 12, stock.

ALL OPEN TO REASONABLE OFFERS

91 TRANSIT 16, side door, PSV, diesel.
90 G RENAULT TURBO, high roof, 16, PSV.
90 TALBOT, 14 coach diesel, PSV.
89 G LEYLAND (TALBOT), 16 PSV, testing.
87 IVECO 18 seat, power door.
87 TRANSIT 12, Di, LWB, PSV tested.
87 TALBOT 12, diesel, 5 speed.
87 (D) FREIGHT ROVER, Deansgate, 16 diesel.

86 RENAULT Dodge Alexander Service Bus, auto, p/steering, 21+6, Telma, p/door.

86 OPTARE CUB, auto, 33 p/door & standees.
86 (E) IVECO CAETANO, 24 air door, dual purpose.
86 VAN HOOL LEYLAND, ZF, 53 recl, new test.
86 DATSUN DIESEL crew bus, h/roof, low mileage
85 (C) VOLVO ALGARVE, low drive, 48, toilet.
85 (B) MERCEDES 307, 12 seater, PSV, new test.
1986 RENAULT 21 service, power door, auto, Telma.
85 TALBOT, 12, PSV, petrol.
85 TRANSIT 16 Di coach seats, tested.
84 B MERCEDES, 19 high back, boot, tested.

84 LEYLAND NATIONAL BENDI BUS, offers.

84 TRANSIT 16, petrol, sweet sixteen.
84 DAF JONCKHEERE MB200, Exec 49 + video.
83 DODGE R BURGESS, diesel, auto, 17 F door.
82 VOLVO B10 GOLDLINER, large windows, recliners, testing.
82 TRANSIT, 12 LWB, PSV, petrol, O/D. £1,000.
82 TRANSIT, 12 diesel, PSV, LWB, tested.
81 DAF 200 Exec, 48 + TV, Alpha, new test. Offers
81 MERCEDES, 207, diesel, PSV, 12 seats.
81 VOLVO B58, 53 large seats, Duple II.
81 DAF JONCKHEERE 2300, Exec, toilet.
80 (W) VOLVO PLAXTON, 53, 11 mtr, testing.
80 LEYLAND WILLOWBROOK, Express, 49 seats, S/A.
79 VOLVO SUPREME V, ZF, requires test, offers.
79 FORD TURBO Duple II, 35 seats, tested.
79 FORD 53 Plaxton, testing. Offers.
78 FORD PLAXTON, 53, new test. Offers.
78 BEDFORD 53 Duple II, tested.
77 LEOPARDS, Duple Express, 49/53, tested.
76 FORD PLAXTON, 53 seats. Offers.
76 BRISTOL, 43 express doors, coachseats, no test.
76 BEDFORD SPACE CAR, 49 rec, no test. Offers.
75/76 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN ALEXANDER, 76 seats, dd, tested.
75 VOLVO, 53 seats, Duple I. Offers.
74-75 LEOPARD Alexander body, manual gearbox. Tested.
Plus Atlantean Deckers.

WANTED FOR CASH – MINIBUSES & MIDIBUSES – ALL MAKES & SIZES. IMMEDIATE HP SETTLEMENT

Tel. 041 221 3165 or 041 639 6107 Eves
OPEN 7 DAYS
(20600/UN)

COACHES AT SPECIAL PRICES!!

1988 BOVA FUTURA EXEC. 49/53 seats – toilet, video, boiler, only one left.

1987 MERCEDES 811 Turbo, 23 seats – Bristol dome, reading units, ventilation.

1985 MERCEDES 608D, 21 seats.

1983 DAF SM230 EXEC, 49 seats, toilet, video, boiler, driver's bunk.

1983 35 FORD PLAXTON.

PERSONAL PLATE NEOPLAN DOUBLE DECKER, 70 seats, 4 videos, tables, boiler, new ticket.

PHONE FOR PRICES
OFFICE: 0932 844827 (DAY) or
STEVE ON 0932 340250 (EVENINGS)
(21016/UN)

VANGUARD
BUS AND COACH SALES

1985 Duple Caribbean II, Leyland Tiger 245, 50 reclining seats + courier, vgc, MoT Feb 1992 ..... **£29,500**
1984 Duple Laser Tiger 245, 50 reclining seats, MoT '92 ..... **£24,000**
1984 Duple Caribbean, Leyland Tiger 245, 46 recliners, good condition, MoT Jan '92 ..... **£24,500**
1983 Bedford CF petrol, 12 seater, MoT October **£1,000**
1983 Paramount 3200 Tiger 245, 53, express, vgc, MoT, repainted white **£27,500**
1982 Bedford YNT, 53 seats, MoT June '92, good condition **£11,500**
1981 Plaxton Volvo B58, 12 metre, 53 E-type seats, vgc, new MoT, panelled and painted **£18,500**
1981 Goldliner B10M Volvo, 46 recliners with toilet, repanelled, very nice condition, long MoT **£22,000**
1977 Leopard Plaxton Supreme, S/A, power door, MoT May '92, very tidy **£3,900**
1976 Leopard Plaxton Supreme, S/A, power door, MoT May '92, good condition **£3,500**
1984 Paramount 3500 Tiger 245 Exec, good condition, new MoT **£3,250**

P/X considered, finance available at very competitive rates, existing HP settled (subject to status). Short and long term hiring available. (20938/UN)

Contact: STEVE COOK on (COVENTRY) 0203 490669
Fax 0203 643355 Mobile 0831 155071

LOOKING FOR CONTRACT/PRIVATE HIRE COACHES? ALL ARE CLEAN AND TIDY, AND OPEN TO OFFERS. SOME MUST GO

1979 57 SEATER Plaxton Supreme AEC 700, private plate, MoT 19.12.91, curtains, servery, tables **£8,750**

1976 53 SEATER Duple Dominant, power door, 466 engine, new MoT, clean and tidy **£2,000**

1977 45 SEATER Bedford Duple 500, new MoT, in white **£2,500**

May take Double Decker in part exchange on any of the above

Tel. (08012) 4455
Keystone Coaches (Northants) (21022/UN)

LEYLAND LEOPARD PLAXTON, 57 seater, T reg, 1979, in excellent condition, semi-auto, Telma.
£11,000 + VAT

BEDFORD DUPLE DOMINANT II, 1979, 53 seater, excellent condition.
£4,950 + VAT

IVECO MINICOACH, 14 seats, C reg, new MoT, owned by us since new.
£4,500 + VAT

BEDFORD CF MINIBUS, 12 seats, petrol, retrimmed. **£1,500**

REEVE BURGESS MINICOACH, diesel, 17 seats, no MoT.
£1,850 + VAT

RECOVERY TRUCK, twin lift, non-runner. **£1,200**

DOUBLE DECKERS WANTED FOR CASH

Tel: 0222 884648
(20874/UN)

1988 FORD IVECO
21 seater Reeve Burgess, grey/red high back seats, with grey soft trim, exterior white/red, large boot, power door, MoT July '92.
£15,500 + VAT

1977/78 FORD PLAXTON
53 red remoquetted seats, power door, Bristol dome etc, choice of 4, all with long MoTs.
From £3,500 + VAT

1978 LEYLAND LEOPARD AUTO
53 retrimmed seats (autumn tint), white/red exterior, MoT Jan '92.
£7,950 + VAT

1980 MERCEDES 207
12 seater, non PSV, MoT July '92.
£1,250 + VAT

Tel. (0785) 284667
(21000/UN)

2 X MERCEDES 508D, 19 seaters, 1982. **£4,850 + VAT each. Tel. 081 893 2030 for details.** (21026/UN)

AD COACH SALES

Tel 0271 865080 Office
0884 860767 Garage
0836 345304 Mobile

★ **MUST BE SEEN** ★

1982 VOLVO B10M Jonckheere Bermuda, 53 fixed seats, toilet, TV, fridge, coffee machine, Webasto, radio/PA/cassette, curtains, twin alternators, speed limiter Telma, driver's bunk, ferry lift, MoT Feb '92 ..... **£POA**

1983 VOLVO B10M Paramount 3500, 4 star spec, 49 recliners, Exec, tested till Feb '92 ..... **£39,950 ono**

1982 BOVA EUROPA, 49 str, toilet, Webasto, new MoT..... **£23,950**

1982 ROYAL TIGER Doyen, new MoT, repaint..... **£22,950**

1984 TIGER Berkhoff Everest, 49 seater, exec **£39,000**

1973 LEOPARD, MoT '92 ..... **£2,950**

FULL INSPECTION FACILITIES
PART EXCHANGE WELCOME
DISCOUNT WITH NO PART EXCHANGE
GOOD QUALITY VEHICLES WANTED
(20985/UN)

1975 LEYLAND LEOPARD
Service bus, 47 seats. **£1,500.** Spares or repairs.

Selection of Bedford and Ford Coaches. 53 seats, from **£4,000.**

ALL PLUS VAT

Tel: 0492 879133
(20877/UN)

LEYLAND TIGER, 1982. **£11,000.**

ATLANTEAN DECKER, Roe body, 1977. **£4,500.**

DAIMLER FLEET LINE, London, 1976. **£3,500.**

All vehicles have long tickets.

Please telephone me on 0292 76721
(20962/UN)

UK CARS & COMMERCIALS LTD
Finance company repossessions
OPEN TO OFFERS

W REG FORD PLAXTON, 53 seats.
F REG MAN JONCKHEERE, 53 seater Executive.
B REG DAF 2300 DHS Jonckheere P599, 51 seat executive.
F REG 1989 DAF Panoramic body executive, toilet and video.
1984 NEOPLAN SKYLINER, double deck, coming soon.
E REG IVECO, Vienna, coming soon.

Tel. Richard on Carlisle (0228) 515558
(20989/UN)

UNCLASSIFIED

1989 DUPLE 320
51/53 recliners, removable servery, rear toilet, centre carpet, Driveline warranty.
£58,000 ono + VAT

1982 B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE
48 recliners, centre toilet, boiler, boxed and wired for video.
£29,000 ono + VAT

Tel: 0286 5175/77858
(20881/UN)

1980 FORD R1114 DOMINANT II, tinted windows, curtains, twin tanks, Telma etc, full 12 months test.....**£5,000 ono + VAT**

R REG LEYLAND LEOPARD DOMINANT II, 53 seater, semi-auto, test expired, ex-Shearings, has been test prepared .....**£2,250 ono + VAT**

1982 DAF MB200 P/P, Jonckheere Bermuda, 49 recliners, toilet, TV, video, radio cassette, PA etc, 7 months test.....**£25,000 ono + VAT**

Possible p/x for 1983-85 B10M

Tel. 061 224 5265 or 0836 384 255
(20986/UN)

DUE TO THE SALE OF OUR BUSINESS WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COACHES FOR SALE

C REG YNT PLAXTON 3200, 53 seater, factory reconditioned engine last season, good all round condition, test December 1991. **£27,500**

C REG 1986 CAETANO ALGARVE, 53 recliners, full continental door, drinks machine, just completed reconditioned engine, test February 1992. **£29,000**

C REG VOLVO B10M LOW DRIVER HIGH LINE, 51 recliners, toilet, TV, video, blue spot stereo tape/radio, just refurbished, very good condition, test July 1992. **£45,000**

We would consider part exchange for any of the above for luxury midi coach.

Tel: Derek 0902 724402 anytime
(21008/UN)

1984 BEDFORD YNT
Duple Lazer, 51 seater, fitted with Cummins engines, tested April 1992, good condition all round.
£22,000 ono + VAT

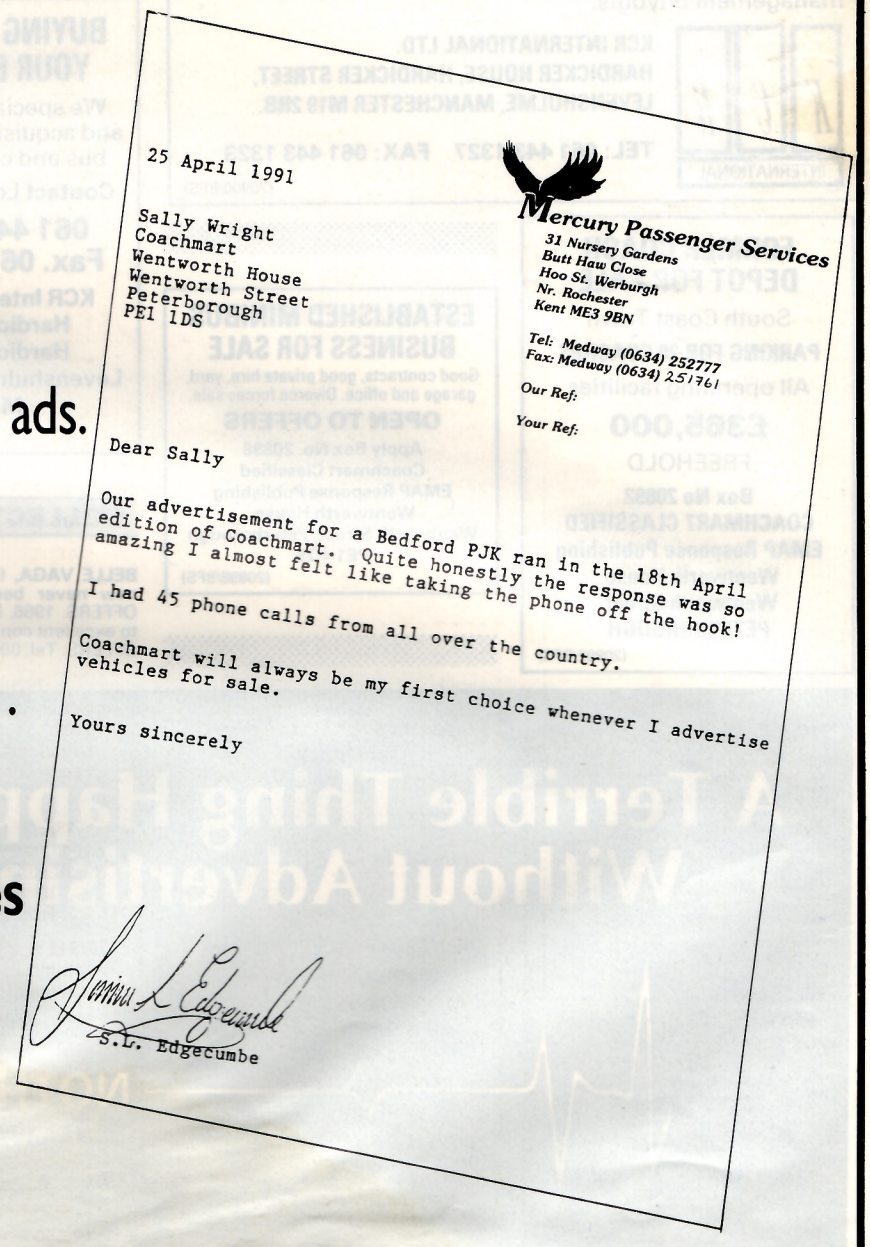
1986 IVECO CAETANO
24 seater service spec, being tested, good condition all round.
£17,000 ono + VAT

Tel: 0324 824146
(20374/UN)

COACHMART

REALLY generates response to vehicle sales ads.

Read what yet another satisfied customer says ...



25 April 1991

Sally Wright
Coachmart
Wentworth House
Wentworth Street
Peterborough
PE1 1DS

Mercury Passenger Services
31 Nursery Gardens
Butt Haw Close
Hoo St. Werburgh
Nr. Rochester
Kent ME3 9BN

Tel: Medway (0634) 252777
Fax: Medway (0634) 251761

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

Dear Sally

Our advertisement for a Bedford PJK ran in the 18th April edition of Coachmart. Quite honestly the response was so amazing I almost felt like taking the phone off the hook!

I had 45 phone calls from all over the country.

Coachmart will always be my first choice whenever I advertise vehicles for sale.

Yours sincerely

S.L. Edgecumbe

To sell YOUR vehicles call Sally on

0733 898111

NOW!!

BUSINESS FOR SALE

BUSINESSES FOR SALE

1) Manchester based bus and coach operator. Ref: K7761.
2) Scottish coach operator, turnover £350,000 with freehold site near motorway network. Ref: K7762.
3) Bristol area coach operator near motorway. Turnover approx £300,000. Ref: K7758.
4) Based near the Kent coast, this bus and coach operator has good freehold site near the M20. Ref: K7769.
5) Essex based luxury coach operator with turnover exceeding £400,000. Ref: K7768.
6) Based in South London, coach and minibus operator with turnover exceeding £500,000. Ref: K7764.

If you require details of the above, please fax or telephone Louise Hands. We specialise in confidential business sale assistance, surplus fleet disposal, consultancy and management buyouts.

K C R INTERNATIONAL

KCR INTERNATIONAL LTD.
HARDICKER HOUSE, HARDICKER STREET,
LEVENSHULME, MANCHESTER M19 2RB.

TEL: 061 443 1327 FAX: 061 443 1323

(20900/BFS)

FORMER COACH DEPOT FOR SALE

South Coast Town
PARKING FOR 20 COACHES
All operating facilities
£365,000
FREEHOLD
Box No 20892
COACHMART CLASSIFIED
EMAP Response Publishing
Wentworth House,
Wentworth Street,
PETERBOROUGH
(20892/BFS)

ESTABLISHED MINIBUS BUSINESS FOR SALE

Good contracts, good private hire, yard, garage and office. Divorce forces sale.
OPEN TO OFFERS
Apply Box No. 20898
Coachmart Classified
EMAP Response Publishing
Wentworth House,
Wentworth Street, Peterborough
PE1 4QS
(20898/BFS)

BUSINESS WANTED

One of the North's foremost coach operators wishes to expand its operation into the London Area.

We wish to purchase an established operation, preferably with a modern fleet profile.

No operation will be considered too large.

Principals considering selling their company are invited to write with details to:

Box Number 20478, Coachmart, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS

(20478/BW)

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BUYING OR SELLING YOUR BUSINESS?

We specialise in merger and acquisition work in the bus and coach industry.

Contact Louise Hands on

061 443 1327 or Fax. 061 443 1323

KCR International Ltd Hardicker House, Hardicker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester M19 2RB

(20899/BOP)

COLLECTORS ITEMS

BELLE VAGA, full windscreen, brand new never been fitted, plus sides. OFFERS. 1966, Bristol MW 45st, good to excellent condition, would PSV test. OFFERS. Tel. 0860 371882. (20403/CI)

DOUBLE DECKERS

BRISTOL VRT

1979, MoT expired. **£4,400.**
1978, MoT 9/91, defective engine. **£1,700**
1978, MoT 8/92. **£4,900.**
1978, MoT expired. **£2,100.**
1977, MoT 3/92. **£3,900.**
1976, MoT 6/92. **£3,900.**
1976, MoT 9/91. **£2,500.**
1976, MoT 10/91. **£2,700.**

Withdrawn from service due to replacement by midi's.

Contact P. Bowran
0782 744744
Stoke on Trent PMT
(20983/DD)

WELFARE VEHICLES

LOCAL COUNCIL CONTRACTS COMING UP

Welfare tail lift minibuses direct from local authorities. All transit dormobile bodies with various quick release seating and wheelchair tracking etc. All fully painted with 12 months MoT.

PRICES FROM £2,750 + VAT
Tel. HEATONS MOTOR CO
0942 864222 WIGAN
Ambulance sales for over 20 years
(20581/WE)

ACCESSORIES

FIRST AID KITS within hard plastic case only **£16.50 + pp + VAT**
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 1.5kg BCF to BS5423 **£24.50 + pp + VAT**

PSV PRODUCTS
Ring anytime including weekends
Tel. 061 273 3202
Calls may be diverted – don't hang up!
Prompt courteous service
(19750/ACC)

A Terrible Thing Happens Without Advertising

NOTHING

ACCESSORIES

THE TRAVEL CENTRE

Suppliers of Lenhor 24, T.M. Maier, Fountain and J.T.S. 700 hot water systems

Thetford toilets, water pumps etc. (Installation service arranged).
Toilet chemicals, vinyl letters and all in coach equipment.

Telephone for service and list now
021 561 1829 (24 hours) (20428/AC)

AUDIO & VIDEO

PSV PRODUCTS

Specialising in the supply and installation of new and reconditioned executive coach equipment.

- All types of loan equipment available
- Service and maintenance contracts available for fleets of all sizes
- Agents for Theodor Maier, Ferguson, Autotek and all other leading makes
- Blaupunkt ACR950 PA system exchange reconditioning service available

First Aid Kits, Fire Extinguishers for immediate delivery. Guaranteed next day delivery service on all equipment ordered by 5.30pm

Work carried out at our premises or yours

Ring anytime including weekends (calls are diverted out of normal business hours) for quotation or advice

Radio Cassettes, Microphones, PAs, TVs, Video Players, Drinks Machines, Refrigerators, Microwaves and toilets.

FRIENDLY, PROMPT SERVICE ASSURED

061 273 3202

(20418/AUD)

EMERGENCY SERVICE

London Buslines Engineering

Special breakdown vehicle available
24-HOURS EMERGENCY RECOVERY
COMPLETE REPAIR SERVICE
TEL: **081-568 1736** Day
081-571 2233 after 7pm
MOBILE: **0831-455 145**
FAX: **081-568 6925**

(19620/ES)

EMERGENCY SERVICE

AUDIO & VIDEO

VIDEO **CATERING** AUDIO

FUNAI VIDEO VIP-3000 MK11
NOW ONLY £269.00 + VAT

- In-line water heaters from £199 + VAT
- No seat loss drink machine from £450.00 + VAT
- Combined fridge and hot water system (GRP unit) to fit Optimo, Jonckheere etc. £1,100 + VAT
- Basic PA and radio/cassette £199.00 + VAT.
- Autotek PA system from £295.00 + VAT
- 14in TV £225.00 + VAT.
- Goldstar video £199.00 + VAT.

★ SALES ★ SERVICE ★ INSTALLATION

RADIOAUTO ELECTRONICS. Tel: 081 420 1943
25 Parkfield Avenue, Harrow, Middx HA2 6NR

(19447/AV)

BUS & COACH COUNCIL Associate Member

CALL FOR A COMPETITIVE QUOTATION

DO YOU REQUIRE AUDIO/VIDEO OR COMMUNICATIONS?

autosound

BUS and COACH

Coach Industry Suppliers Association

(0274) 688990

● Quality installations on your own premises or ours ● Reliable repair service ● Competitive prices ● Full warranty ●

IN TUNE WITH THE BUS and COACH INDUSTRY FOR OVER 25 YEARS

(16302/AV)

AUDIO & VIDEO

EXECUTIVE UPGRADE EXECUTIVE UPGRADE

NATIONWIDE AUDIO, VIDEO DRINKS AND FRIDGE SERVICE

Phone now for the best quote on all your in-coach entertainment equipment.
EXECUTIVE UPGRADE & TOILETS A SPECIALITY

CONCEPT COACHCRAFT

061 226 9090 (24 hours)

CONCEPT COOLAIR
Bus, Coach and Minicoach
AIR CONDITIONING

Carrier TRANSICOLD

Competitively priced installations –
from MINIBUSES TO DECKERS – 7-70 seats

(20153/AUD)

FAX: 061 226 9800

EXECUTIVE UPGRADE EXECUTIVE UPGRADE

EXECUTIVE UPGRADE EXECUTIVE UPGRADE EXECUTIVE UPGRADE EXECUTIVE UPGRADE

COACH INSURANCE

Wrightsure Insurance ServiceS

We have over 20 years' experience of arranging insurance packages for coach operators

★ ★ ★ ★

Cover arranged for single vehicles and fleet operators

★ ★ ★ ★

Continental Extensions arranged on a daily or annual basis

★ ★ ★ ★

NEW VENTURES ESPECIALLY WELCOME

★ ★ ★ ★

Exclusive facilities also available for Loss of Use cover

★ ★ ★ ★

Drivers' medical/repatriation expenses

★ ★ ★ ★

Employers'/public liability

★ ★ ★ ★

Legal expenses including recovery of policy excess, loss of use claims, motoring prosecution defence, drivers' hours, construction and use regulations

★ ★ ★ ★

Passenger/Drivers' effects

★ ★ ★ ★

INSTALLMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE

★ ★ ★ ★

Please contact:

THE WRIGHTSURE INSURANCE GROUP

Northern Office
27 Booker Avenue, Liverpool L18 4QY
Tel: 051-724 2266. Fax: 051-724 6427

Southern Office
62 Maidstone Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6NF
Tel: 0375 378371. Fax: 0375 390087

BUS & COACH COUNCIL Associate Member

(18445)

INSURANCE

COACH INSURANCE

Fleet and single vehicle operators, Continental extensions

CONTACT:

LAWRIE INSURANCE CONSULTANTS LTD,
7 Cray Buildings,
Footscray High Street,
Sidcup,
Kent DA14 5HL
Tel: 081 302 7521 7522

(15904/CI)

TRAINING

CPC

"We offer you the most up-to-date unbeatable CPC material you can find. We guarantee our national courses by offering you a free course and your money back if you fail".

RING FOR FULL DETAILS

☎ 0984 56310
(after hours 0273 515649) (19085/TG)

Friendberry

VEHICLE SPARES

0737 246398
DUPLE, BEDFORD, PLAXTON, SCANIA

Double deckers, engines & gearboxes, glass and many other parts

FOR SALE

ALSO 1976/78 Leopards, 1979 AEC

0737 246398
(20156/VSP)

ZF
Transmissions
Service
Exchange
Repairs
Spares
Excellent service
(0703) 652288
Fax. (0703) 651199
(17581)

MCS
ENGINEERING
DIESEL ENGINES
GEARBOXES AND DIFFS

Comprehensive stocks of new/remanufactured service exchange units
ZF – VOLVO – SPICER – DAF
MERCEDES – MAN – FULLER
SCANIA – CUMMINS – BEDFORD
TIGER – ROCKWELL – FORD
BOVA – LEYLAND

(0703) 335313
(19580/VE)

VEHICLE SPARES

PVS (BARNSLEY) LTD

WANTED
REDUNDANT BUSES & COACHES

★ Top prices paid for all scrap vehicles
★ Large stock of spares for all types of vehicles

(21025/VS)

Tel. (0226) 722052 or 725003 (day)
(0226) 710620 (eves) Fax. (0226) 700261

WANTED...
...SCRAP REDUNDANT BUSES!!!

Cash on collection, distance no object.

LARGE STOCK OF SPARES AVAILABLE FOR LEOPARDS, VRT II and III, FLEETUNERS and ATLANTEANS etc.

DONCASTER BUS BREAKERS
Tel. 0302 350172 or Fax 0405 740671
(20168/VSP)

LEYLAND LEOPARD/TIGER DIFFERENTIALS

Reconditioned, service exchange, 12 months guaranteed.

£625 + VAT

Tel. (0246) 260199
(20563/VS)

VOLVO K19, reconditioned gearbox service exchange, fully guaranteed. Also customers' own units repaired. Tel. (0246) 260199. (16967/VS)

VEHICLE SPARES

VOLVO LEYLAND DAF BOVA

ALLSPARES

GOUGHS TRANSPORT DEPOT, MORESTEAD,
NR. WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

Tel: (0962) 715566/715555. Telex: 477179. Fax: (0962) 714868

UK's Leading Supplier of: ● **NEW** ● **RECONDITIONED** ● **USED SPARE PARTS**

DIESEL ENGINES
CYLINDER HEADS
CYLINDER BLOCKS
CRANKSHAFTS
CAMSHAFTS
CONRODS
PISTONS
LINERS
GASKETS

SCANIA BEDFORD FORD

FUEL INJECTOR PUMPS
INJECTORS
TURBO CHARGERS
COMPRESSORS
WATER PUMPS
POWER STEERING
RAMS AND PUMPS

MAN MERCEDES

DIFFERENTIALS
AXLES
HALFSHAFTS
HUBS
GEARBOXES
TRANSFER BOXES
AUTOMATIC
PNEUMOCYCLIC
MANUAL

AEC LEYLAND

(18564/VSP)

BOVA – SETRA – KASSBOHRER – MAGIRUS – IVECO – NEOPLAN – BEDFORD – FORD – DENNIS – BRISTOL – AEC – DAIMLER SEDDON – PERKINS – GARDNER – ROLLS ROYCE – WILSON S.CH.G – VOITH – ALLISON – ZF AUTO – ZF MANUAL – TURNER – SPICER – FULLER – EATON – ROCKWELL

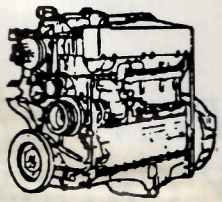
Do *you* sell a product or service

CALL *Coachmart*

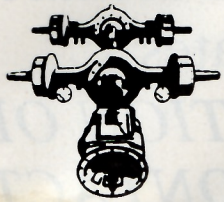
SUPPLIERS OF NEW AND RECONDITIONED SPARE PARTS

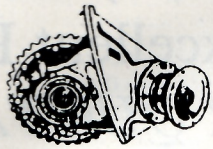
VOLVO – SCANIA – ZF – DAF – MERCEDES – LEYLAND – BOVA – NEOPLAN – SETRA – FORD – BEDFORD

- *Diesel engines*
- *Blocks*
- *Heads*
- *Cranks*
- *Short*
- *Motors*



- *Axles*
- *Diffs*
- *Propshafts*
- *Half shafts*





- *Gearboxes*
- *Manual*
- *Automatic*
- *Semi automatic*
- *ZF Specialists*

SERVICE ● EXCHANGE ● REPAIRS ● SPARES

Nationwide Delivery Service
All Units Guaranteed

stateline DIESEL ENGINEERING LTD

(0703) 652288

Unit 1, Goodwood Rd, Boyatt Wood, Eastleigh, Hants SO5 4NT

FAX: (0703) 651199

(14451/VE)

VEHICLE SPARES

LEYLAND 680
SHORT MOTORS
Plus **Cylinder heads.**
Crank **cases** and
crank **shafts.**
Tel: 0246 260199
(20565/VS)

AVON DIESELS

ENGINES
ENGINE COMPONENTS
LEYLAND
FULL PSV RANGE
FULLY RECONDITIONED
(17121/VSP)
(0454) 313805

24 HR RECOVERY

24 HOUR RECOVERY SERVICE for coaches in Derby between Junction 24-25 M1. **Tel. (0332) 365397/573779.**
(16936/24HR)

REGISTRATION NOS.

£66	£149	£160	£199
AEF 984A	HIL 5664	TXI 5728	PXI 2261
AEF 989A	HIL 5665	TXI 5735	PXI 2662
NRH 120A	Sequences	UIJ 4667	RXI 6079
£125	OJI 1393	FBZ 7354	XOI 2382
OIB 7967	OJI 1394	IDZ 8704	YIJ 3311
OJI 3909	OJI 2836	IDZ 8706	YOI 4803
HIL 3872	OJI 2837	£199	£350
HIL 5184	PIB 4912	GIL 9317	FXI 327
UXI 8632	PIB 4915	NIB 8657	BBZ 844
UXI 8633	PIB 2360	TXI 8751	BBZ 762
UXI 8634	MIW 1606	TXI 8752	IIW 925
VXI 1128	MIW 1607	HIL 5675	£399
VXI 1129	MIW 1608	HIL 5676	HSK 616
£149	MIW 1609	HIL 5677	714 UKL
GBZ 7119	LIW 2863	BXI 4812	£499
HIL 5661	LIW 2936	KJI 3431	DSK 561
HIL 5662	NJI 2431	KXI 9248	KSU 662
HIL 5663	NJI 2410	LXI 1228	ESK 692

English Cover plates
£399
GSK 645
GSK 646
GSK 647
GSK 648
GSK 649
GSK 650
GSK 651

NATIONAL NUMBERS

PO Box 20, Norton, Cleveland TS20 1YZ
Free lists – 20,000 plates on computer
Money back guarantee
24 hour Answer Service
Tel. (0642) 360066 Fax. (0642) 550500 (16530/REG)

TRIMMING

BLACKPOOL TRIMSHOPS LTD
Watch your own seats retrimmed ... the same day!

BUS & COACH SEAT SUPPLIES
Courier seats, driver seats, minibus seats, duple tables, toilets fitted and gaiters

for the complete seating service, call
0253 66762/791056
BRUN GROVE, OFF ANSDELL WAY, BLACKPOOL
(18637/TR)

TRIMMING

RETRIMS
by
the specialists
KEVWIN TRIMMERS
PETERBOROUGH
(0733) 238583
(16036 TR)

REPAIRS & RECOVERY

CRASH REPAIRS – WINDSCREEN REPLACEMENTS – CENTRE GANGWAYS – WATER LEAKS – FOR THE FASTEST SERVICE IN THE UK. CALL 021 777 1355, MIDLAND COACH SERVICES. (20619/RR)

GEARBOXES, axles, steering boxes, service exchange, or 24-hour repairs service, including semi-autos, also parts supplied. **McCARTNEYS. Tel. 081 808 0582, Fax 081 365 1884 (LONDON), family business, established over 40 years.** (16307/RR)

FINANCIAL SERVICES

HANSAR FINANCE LTD

★ Finance Available New or Used Vehicles
★ Flexible Periods and Deposits
★ Fast Decisions
★ Credit Lines Arranged
★ Lease, Hire Purchase, Lease Purchase
★ Excellent Rates

FOR QUOTATION OR INDEPENDENT ADVICE CONTACT TERRY CROSS
061 483 2113 evenings and weekends 061 442 0534
or RON TELFORD evenings and weekends 0625 872742
(Written details on request)
(18738/FI)

REPAIRS & RECOVERY

COACH CARPETS

BRITISH & GERMAN manufactured.

Top quality polypropylene rib carpeting in a WIDE RANGE OF COLOURS

★ Tough ★ Stain resistant ★ Washable – won't fade ★

Matching soft trim available

★ COCONUT MATTING ★

TALK TO THE EXPERTS ON

0254 53549 or 0836 765008 (19309/RR)

ON SITE BUS & COACH PAINTING

We offer a complete mobile repainting service on your own premises!

From a colour change to a complete fleet repaint

We only use MASON'S paint

NATIONAL BUS & COACH PAINTING
Tel. 091 586 5377 **Mobile (0860) 208985**
Fax 091 518 1523 (19939/RR)

M&H COACHWORKS Ltd.

PSV SPECIALIST REPAIRS AND CONVERSIONS

★★★ **LEEDS** ★★★

Hot Water Boilers
Drinks Machine and Fridges
TV and Video Installations
Coachbuilt toilet/servery installations
Coach heating systems installed and repaired
Quality resprays and signwriting
Accident damage repairs
VBRA Approved Repairers

Contact us for quotations, helpful advice and above all, genuine service

★★ **STAR QUALITY IS OUR HALLMARK** ★★

New Princess Street
Holbeck, Leeds LS11 9BA
(Located 1 minute from M1/M621 junction)
(After hours phone 0532 520079)

Tel. 0532 441671 Tel. 0532 441671 (20316/RR)

ave.

Alder Valley Engineering are agents for **Econocruise Speed Control Systems.**

Enabling you to bring your vehicles in line with new legislation.

We offer a **24 hour emergency breakdown and windscreen service,** and undertake **crash repairs** and **maintenance** of units and trailers.

We have an excellent **fibre glass and panel shop,** and complete **re-spray** and **sign-writing** facilities. We also provide vehicle **washing and steam cleaning** facilities.

We have many years' experience in the **HGV** and **PSV markets and are members of the Freight Transport Association.**

We offer excellent quality and service at very competitive prices.

Please call us on:

(0252) 334484

Fax:

(0252) 334481

Alder Valley Engineering Ltd, Halimote Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 1NJ

SEATS

ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT

Coach/bus/automotive fabrics – a large selection of colours and designs at competitive prices.

BLACKBURN TEXTILES

(0254) 672020/ 680998 (20422/SE)

WINDSCREEN REPAIRS

We can repair cracks, scratches, Bullseyes, Starbreakers, etc.

If your coach is on tour in the Essex, Herts, Suffolk or London area, we can repair it wherever it is parked.

Discount for 10 or more vehicles.

Screen Savers

(0268) 695583 or (0831) 551166 (20873/WR)

COACH CONVERSIONS

EXECUTIVE CONVERSIONS

WHETHER YOU REQUIRE A TABLE OR A COMPLETE CONVERSION FROM A STANDARD COACH, YOU WILL FIND OUR PRICE AND QUALITY VERY COMPETITIVE. (15455)

Tel. (0538) 33618

WORK AVAILABLE

EXECUTIVE COACHES REQUIRED...

October 1991-April 1992

Operators with vehicles 5 years old or newer, please respond to:

Box No. 20433, Coachmart, Wentworth House, Wentworth St, Peterborough PE1 1DX (20433/WOR)

SITUATIONS WANTED

SITUATION WANTED

TIME-SERVED MECHANIC

with C.P.C., P.S.V., National clean licences. Presently employed as Transport Manager, seeking relocation. Free from early November.

Replies to: Box No 20421, COACHMART, WENTWORTH HOUSE, WENTWORTH STREET, PETERBOROUGH (20421/SW)

TENDERS

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The County Council is seeking tenders from bus and coach operators to enter into service subsidy agreements to provide bus services in Basildon, Brentwood and Castle Point area(s). Operators wishing to receive further information and tender documents should contact immediately: County Planner, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1LF or telephone Chelmsford (0245) 492211 Extension 51591.

Completed tender documents must be received by 1200 hours (noon) on 27.08.91 and 03.09.91. Tenders received after this date will not be considered.

R W Adcock **8 August 1991**
Chief Executive and Clerk (20431/TE)

GARAGE EQUIPMENT

RECO EQUIPMENT

Specialists in the supply and installation of fully reconditioned commercial vehicle lifting and brake testing equipment.

NEW AND USED MOBILE COLUMN LIFTS. Stenhoj 20 tonne 4 post lift, Bradbury 14 tonne 6 post lift with wheel-free system. Laycock 14 tonne 6 post lift, Bradbury 8 & 5 tonne 4 post lifts, Laycock & Epco 8 tonne lifts, Crypton EB30 & EC30 commercial brake testers with bi-directional reading and axle load simulation. New prolift mobile column lifts 8-26 tonne capacity.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Commercial garage equipment.

Instant cash, collection anywhere in the UK.

Telephone: 0272 862449
Fax: 0272 861634 (20334/GE)

VEHICLE LIFTS

MOBILE COLUMN LIFTS SET OF 4

Fully reconditioned, 20 tonnes capacity.

£7,250 + VAT

Telephone: 0432 50330 (20426/VLI)

TICKET EQUIPMENT

FOR QUALITY reconditioned ticket machines (Almex & Setright). Tickets, rolls, books, wheelies and passes, cash bags, punches etc. fast, professional ticket machine repair and modification service. **Tel. Transport Ticket Services (0600) 84650.** (20893/TE)

SELL YOUR VEHICLE WHERE MOST OPERATORS SELL THEIRS!

Coachmart – the coach industry's market place

3 WAYS TO SELL IT FAST

1. STANDARD POSITION

Is like this!

FORD

1982 R1114 DUPLE MK IV, curtains, side lockers, Telma, twin tanks, radio, pa, cassette, double glazed, very good condition, MOT April 1991 £14,000 Tel: 0733 898111

SELL YOUR VEHICLE FOR ONLY 50p PER WORD!
(VEHICLE SALES ONLY)

FROM £12.50 + VAT

Minimum 25 words
Tel: 0733 898111

2. BARGAIN BUS

BARGAIN BUS

BEDFORD 466
Plaxton body, MOT and taxed reduced for quick sale.
£4,000

Is like this!

MAKE YOUR VEHICLE A BARGAIN BUY!
ONLY £25.00 +VAT (Maximum 25 words)
TEL: 0733 898111

3. PICTURE COACH

Is like this!

DISPLAY YOUR VEHICLE PLUS UP TO 30 WORDS!
ONLY ~~£35.00~~ + VAT*
Tel. 0733 898111

*** Special Offer – Only £27 + VAT!!!**

THE BETTER YOU TELL IT - THE FASTER YOU CAN SELL IT!

1. Choose your advertisement style (please tick)

A STANDARD POSITION	B BARGAIN BUS	C PICTURE COACH	D BOX NUMBER
minimum 25 words			
☐ x 50p = £ ☐	☐ x £25 = £ ☐	☐ x £27 = £ ☐	☐ x £8 = £ ☐
No of words + VAT	No of weeks + VAT	No of weeks + VAT	No of weeks + VAT

2. What is the best classification for your advertisement? _____

3. ▼ Start your advertisement here - one word per box - minimum 25 words - PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS

4.
Your Name
Company Name
Address
Postcode Tel:

5. I enclose a cheque/postal order for £_____
Payable to Coachmart, or please debit my Acces/Visa card
No. ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Send to: Coachmart Classified, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS

OR TEL: 0733 898111

GRAHAM MARTIN'S

(Bus & Coach Sales)

A large selection of Leyland National service buses, 73/74/75.

COACHES

1985 VOLVO B **'AN HOOL.** 53 seats **SOLD** d, MoT'd. Choice

1985 LEYLAND TIGER 245. ZF Plaxton Duple 3500, 53 seats, MoT'd.

1988 LEYLAND TIGER 260, ZF Plaxton Paramount 3500. MoT'd.

1986 BEDFORD YMT. Plaxton Paramount 3200. 53 seats, MoT'd.

1982 LE **SOLD** Reeve Burgess uts.

1979 VOLVO B58 DUPLE DOMINANT, 53 seats, MoT July 1991.

1975 BE **SOLD** laxton Elite body. 50 , 53 seats.

DOUBLE DECKERS

1980 BRISTOL VR, open top double decker, new MoT

BRISTOL VRT, Leyland engines, ECW, 74 seats, 1975-79-80.

3 1977 DAIMLER FLEETLINERS, Gardner engine, 76 seats.

1978 DAIMLER FLEETLINE, Gardner engine. 76 seats.

SERVICE BUSES

Large selection of Leyland Nationals, 1973-74-75.

MINI BUSES

1986-7 FREIGHT ROVER SHERPA CARLYLE, 16 and 20 seats, service spec choice.

Some with new MoTs

OPEN FOR VIEWING AT WEEKENDS

ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO VAT. TRADES DESCRIPTIONS ACT. *WE QUOTE THE YEAR OF THE REGISTRATION NOT THE YEAR OF MANUFACTURE.*

KING STREET MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE, CW10 9EA
M6 exit Junction 18, A54 2 miles from motorway

TELEPHONE: DAY OR NIGHT MIDDLEWICH (060 684) 3476-3658
FAX NO: (0606) 845602

VAN HOOL (UK) LIMITED

DURING OFFICE HOURS TEL. 0933 440221

AFTER HOURS & WEEKENDS CONTACT

John Dover **084421 7994** or **0836 280951,** London and Eastern Area UK,
Malcolm J Watkins **0568 84637** or **0836 349938,** Western Area UK

1989 LAG PANORAMIC EXECUTIVE COACH. Cummins L10 powered, ABS, Telma, 49 reclining seats, courier, centre Cont. door and steps, double glazed, curtains, bunk. **Full Sutrak air conditioning,** 2 x video, water boiler, fridge, radio, PA, tape, Webasto, plus usual LAG 'extras'.

1988 DAF SB2305 DHS CAETANO ALGARVE. 49/53 seats, demountable toilet, 2 x TV, video, hot water boiler, courier seat, driver's bunk, carpets and curtains.

1988 VOLVO B10M CAETANO ALGARVE. 49/53 seats, centre toilet, TV/video, courier seat, double glazing and curtains.

1987 SCANIA K112/PLAXTON 3500. Telma retarder, 51/55 (demountable). Video system, water boiler, double glazed with curtains, centre toilet and steps and Cont. door. Due in shortly.

1987 MERCEDES BENZ 609D REEVE BURGESS. 19 seater, full soft trim coach seats, carpets, racks and boot, radio, P.A., tape. Long MoT.

1986 SETRA 215HD. 49 recliners, centre sunken toilet, Cont. steps, powered Cont. door, wired for water boiler, video equipment, fridge, radio PA and tape, carpet, centre aisle, curtains to side windows, finished in white, usual Setra spec.

1984 BOVA EUROPA MARK 3. 49 recliners, ZF reconditioned gearbox, new clutch, 265 bhp, toilet, TV/video equipment, Webasto, Nomad drinks machine, carpets, curtains, courier seat, radio/PA and tape and plug door, repainted in white.

1980 DAF PLAXTON SUPREME 4. 57 seater, radio, PA, tape, side lockers, power door, new MoT.

1976 LEYLAND LEOPARD/DUPLE DOMINANT. 51 seats, semi-auto, Grant door, long MoT.

VANHOOL

VAUX ROAD, FINEDON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS NN8 4TG

VANHOOL

Hughes DAF

PLAXTON COACH & BUS
IKARUS
VANHOOL
Duple International
OPTARE BUS MANUFACTURER

NEW DAF COACHES WITH 3 YEARS DRIVELINE WARRANTY

AVAILABLE FROM STOCK OR TO YOUR SPECIFICATION

Hughes DAF – VAN HOOL

Available from stock or to your specification

- DHS, SB3000 rear engine with Alizee 'H', 'DH' and Super High coachwork.
- MB230 mid engine with Alizee 'H' and Super High coachwork.
- DKZ SBR Astrobel double deck coachwork.
- Comprehensive specification includes, 51 reclining seats, demountable toilet, double glazing, etc.

Hughes DAF – PLAXTON

Available from stock or to your specification

- DHTD, DHS, SB 3000 rear engine with 3200 low driver and 3500 coachwork.
- MB 230 with 3500 coachwork.
- DKZ SBR double deck coachwork.
- Choice of 1 star through to 5 star specification.

Hughes DAF – DUPLE

Available from stock

- DHTD, rear engine with 320 SL Plus coachwork, 57 reclining seats, curtains, carpet or 53 reclining seats with rear toilet
- DHS rear engine with 340 SL Plus coachwork, 57 reclining seats, centre continental door, curtains, carpet or 53 reclining seats with centre sunken demountable toilet.

Hughes DAF HIRE

SHORT OF VEHICLES FOR PEAK PERIODS?

WHY NOT HIRE COACHES LIKE THIS BY THE DAY, WEEK, MONTH OR YEAR?

- UNDER YOUR CONTROL
- WITH YOUR DRIVERS
- WITH YOUR QUALITY OF SERVICE

Hughes DAF

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM

Lodge Garage, Whitehall Road West, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire, BD19 4BJ.

FOR FULL DETAILS TELEPHONE: *0274 681144*

PLAXTON Duple PARTS & SERVICE | IKARUS PARTS & SERVICE | DAF BUS PARTS & SERVICE | VANHOOL PARTS & SERVICE | OPTARE BUS MANUFACTURER PARTS & SERVICE